

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

March 15, 2020 – Lent 3

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: John Somerville

WELCOME

INTROIT: VU # 108 “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights” (vs. 2)

2. The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,
who found in weakness greater power
embraces us, though lost and flawed,
and leads us to his rising hour.

Lighting of Christ Candle

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: God invites us to journey in the way of faithfulness,

All: to walk the Lenten road with Christ.

One: We journey with confidence, for Christ is with us.

All: Thanks be to God, for God's steadfast love.

OPENING HYMN: VU# 142 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain—
Free to all, a healing stream—
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and Mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me. (Refrain)

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me. (Refrain)

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river. (Refrain)

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, you have called us to be pilgrims.
Forgive us when we weary of the journey
and seek security rather than the open road.
Forgive us when we feel the risk of the journey is too great.
Grant us pilgrim spirits in this Lenten season
and lead us to the new life of Easter. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

One: God is a God who promises to journey with us.
God calls us to make the first steps and he will walk beside us.
As we step out in faith, we are assured we are forgiven.

All: Amen! Knowing we are forgiven; we are ready for the journey.

CHILDREN'S HYMN: VU # 365 "Jesus Loves Me This I Know" (vs. 1 & refrain)

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to God belong;
They are weak but God is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Time with the Children

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

CHILDREN'S HYMN: VU # 365 "Jesus Loves Me This I Know" (refrain)

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES: Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18 pgs. 165-166

Psalm 42 VU pg. 766

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy giver,
and the apple of my eye. (**Refrain**)

You're my friend
and You are my brother,
even though You are a King;
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything .

Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

MESSAGE: Symbols of Jesus' Journey: The Cross and Lamb

MINISTRY OF SONG THE CHOIR - Faith Medley

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

COLLECTING OF FOOD BANK – Kids & OFFERING - Ushers

DEDICATION OF OFFERING: MV # 191 "What Can I Do?"

What Can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

**Holy God, we bring to you the ordinary things of life:
food and drink and money;
and in bringing them we bring ourselves.
Take us and our gifts of money to
do your work in this place and in the world. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN: "And Can It Be"

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me, who caused His pain
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all, immense and free
For O my God, it found out me!
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine
Alive in Him, my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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We welcome all who join us in worship today. If you are here for the first time today, please introduce yourself to Rev. Karlene or to a member of the congregation. Please stay for refreshments in the Friendship Room after worship, members of the UCW are hosting this month.

In our thoughts and prayers this week
Harold Kirktown, Ute Jurchuk, Marilyn Hall, Sharon Hagell,
And Albert Yake (son of Barb Yake-Kuhl).

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Reader: John Somerville & Sunday School children
Greeter: Jim Withington

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The flowers this morning are given by
the Sinden family in memory of loved ones.



Our sympathy and prayers are with Bonnie Brown on the passing
of her husband Bill Brown on Friday, March 6.

The memorial service is March 28 at 2 p.m.

Visitation: 12-2 p.m. here at St. Paul's.

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Mark your calendars!

- April 5 - Palm Sunday
- April 9 - Holy Maundy Thursday
- April 10 - Good Friday Worship
- April 12 - Easter Sunday Worship/Communion

Roof Fundraising Campaign	
Balance forward donations	\$ 27,200
Donations received March 1	20
Total donated	\$ 27,220
Fundraiser Goal	\$ 30,000
Amount still needed	\$ <u>2,780</u>

The offices will be closed from 12-1p.m. (approx.) every Wednesday through
the Lenten season so that the staff can attend the lenten services.



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No Bible Study on March 20

All are welcome to join Ruth Francis, 11 Peach Street. 519 688-7724.

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U.C.W. Unit 1 Meeting in the Friendship Room
Mon. March 23 at 1:30 p.m.

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U.C.W. Unit 6 Meeting

Wed. March 25 at 6 p.m. in the Friendship Room.
\$12.00 supper meeting with Easter Theme.

R.S.V.P. By March 18 to Karon Harris 519- 842-8596.





CALLING ALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

--March 28 - 1-4 p.m. at

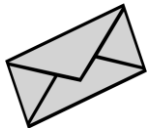
Tillsonburg Curling Club

--Have some fun curling, eat some pizza

**PLEASE LET KAREN KNOW ASAP THAT YOU
WILL BE COMING.**

Thank-you for your donations to the Make-a-Wish foundation.

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The **Lenten Special Offering** will be divided equally between the Tillsonburg **Helping Hand Food bank** and the **United Church World Development Fund**.

The **Easter Special Offering** will be divided between **Camp Tanner and Salvation Army**. Please mark your envelopes.

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For friends or family in hospital (here in Tillsonburg or elsewhere) please contact our Church Office (519-688-0011) with Hospital name and details to let our minister know so she can follow-up with a visit or a phone-call. Hospitals do not always provide daily lists of patients wanting visits and we would not want to miss you.

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Univox, a mixed-voice choir of young adults, will perform, a cappella, a variety of choral music. Their concert is on **Sunday April 19th at 2:30 p.m. here at St. Paul's**. Tickets are \$20 and are available from Helen in the office or from Dianne Parnell.



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St. John's Anglican Church are holding a Lenten Series from March 4-April 1. Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at St. John's. Lenten reflection guide available on the bulletin board.

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**Winter is here!** At this time of year it may be difficult for some people to get to church. We want everyone to be able to attend. If you or someone you know would like a ride, please call the church office, Monday to Friday mornings at 519 688-0011 or Jed Drew at 519 842-8786 or email [stpaulsunited@execulink.com](mailto:stpaulsunited@execulink.com)

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REDUCE

REUSE

RECYCLE

We will be having a **RUMMAGE SALE** here at St. Paul's on Saturday, April 25th from 8:30-12 noon in the BH. We will be accepting gently used (all ages) shoes, purses, jewellery and linens. This is not a garage sale. Items can be dropped off **AFTER** April 1 in the choir room behind the chairs. A sign-up sheet will be available in April for helpers.

For more info. Contact Karon Harris 519-842-8596

All proceeds to: Sunday School, PA Day programs and Messy Church.



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The CPR course scheduled for Saturday, April 11 has been cancelled.at this time.

| DATE       | EVENT                            | TIME                   |     |
|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| Mar. 17    | Council Meeting                  | 7:00 p.m.              | MR  |
| Mar. 18    | UCW Oxford Annual Mtg.           | All day                | BH  |
| Mar. 19    | Choir practice                   | 7:00 p.m.              |     |
| Mar. 21    | Funeral M. Hevenor<br>Visitation | 1 p.m.<br>11:30-1p.m.  |     |
| Mar. 21    | Community Kitchen                | at St. John's          |     |
| Mar. 28    | Funeral Bill Brown<br>Visitation | 2:00 p.m.<br>12-2 p.m. |     |
|            | <b>GROUPS</b>                    |                        |     |
| Mar. 16/18 | Exercise                         | 10:00 am               | BH  |
| Mar. 16/18 | Yoga                             | 7:00 p.m.              | BH  |
| Mar. 17/20 | Tai Chi                          | 9:30 a.m.              | MPR |

The Jackson family **THANKS** St. Paul's and the UCW for their fine service for Violet's 100th birthday celebration, lunch and open house on Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>.



To everyone who helped celebrate the past two 100 Birthday parties - I would like to say a huge Thank You.

It is a privilege to celebrate and honour these lovely ladies. The lunches were prepared and served by many and I thank each of you for your assistance. Esther

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Lenten Service schedule followed by lunch at 12 noon

Mar. 18 @ North Broadway Baptist, Karlene Brown-Palmer –Isaiah 53:1-6

Mar. 25 @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mark Barrett – Isaiah 53:7-12

Apr. 1 @ St. Paul's United Church, Paul Robinson – Matthew 26:20-30

DID YOU KNOW?	...that when you give a gift to the M&S Fund, you ARE supporting work in your own community, your own church.
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First-time Worshippers, Members and Friends!

We are glad you came today and welcome you in friendship and love. Our caring extends beyond our worship service and we would love to hear from you if you need us. Please find contact information for our support staff.

St. Paul's United Contact Information

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Brenda Marshall, Christian Development

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Supplies Needed for Bazaar Crafts

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| old Christmas decorations | old Christmas greenery |
| old artificial trees | ribbon |
| buttons | old sweaters |
| hot glue sticks (skinny ones) | thin gage wire |
| felt (all colours) | pins with white ends |
| Christmas tree cookie cutters | small ziplock bags |
| mason and glass jars | large ziplock bags |
| candles – red, white | old music sheets |
| fabric – red, green, black, grey, white (patterned & plain) | |
| yarn – red, green, yellow, grey & white | |

Please leave in blue recycle bin in the front hallway underneath the TV. Thank-you.