

# *St. Paul's United Church*

10:30 a.m. March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

\* Please stand as you are able, sit as you prefer \*

*First Sunday in Lent*

**Gathering Music:** Chorale & Andante from  
"Our Father Which Art in Heaven" Mendelssohn

## **We Gather in Community**

### **\*Lenten Procession of Symbols**

**\*Introit:** Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12(vs 4)

**Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,  
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;  
that we may rise to follow and to serve,  
steady now our nerve,  
come, touch and bless our wills.**

### **\*Call to Worship (Responsive):**

The path is unknown to us, O Lord. We fear the journey.

**There may be hidden dangers, discoveries that we dread.**

Help us, Lord. Be with us.

**Let us take the first step safely, we pray.**

You have been my hiding place.

**Now you are calling me to leave this place and to take a risk.**

You sing to me of deliverance and hope.

**Be with me, O Lord, I ask you.**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** O God How We Have Wandered VU 112

### **Time for the Young at Heart**

## **We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit**

### **Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**God of infinite patience and love, we come to you this day, having just gone through the season of reflection. We embark on this Lenten journey not sure if we want to make the spiritual trip. It is easy for us to get caught up in our own needs and our own anxieties. We are a people of great "want," and we need to become a people of great "faith." Stop us and remove us from the self-destructive journey on which we were living. Place us on your track of hope and salvation. Forgive our stubbornness, and heal our sorrowful souls. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen**

### **Assurance of God's Love**

**Sung Prayer of Illumination:** Take, O Take Me As I Am MV 85

**Take, O take me as I am.**

**Summon out what I shall be.**

**Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

**Scripture:** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Linda Lamont

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** Come Down, Lord Pethel

**Scripture:** Matthew 4:1-11

One: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## Message

**\*Hymn of Praise:** Jesus Tempted in the Desert VU 115

## We Respond to the Spirit

### Invitation to Offering

#### Offertory

Variation II from  
"Our Father Which Art in Heaven" Mendelssohn

**\*Dedication Verse:** In Gratitude and Humble Trust VU 544

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.**

**O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

### **\*Dedication Prayer (Unison):**

**Faithful God, let these gifts be like food and drink in the wilderness for those who have suffered and longed for your presence. May these offerings strengthen those who are resisting temptation and lead us to attend to all who need your healing touch. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our example and saviour. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

**\*Hymn of Praise:** At the Name of Jesus VU 335 (vs 1, 2, 4)

### **\*Blessing and Sending Forth (Responsive):**

Beloved of God, go now into the vast universe to be the people of God: Resist temptations that lead to destruction:

**we'll create more beauty.**

Resist temptations that lead to isolation:

**we'll reach out more to a world in need.**

Resist temptations based on false promises:

**we'll rest in the hope of God.**

Love creation:

**we'll rejoice in its balance and harmonies!**

And in all these things, let the Spirit of Christ fill and inspire all your deeds as you seek to be a faithful part of Christ's reconciling ministry.

**Amen.**

**\*Choral Closing:**      Go Make a Difference      MV 209 (vs 2)

**[Refrain] Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence,  
go make a diff'rence in the world.  
Go make a diff'rence we can make a diff'rence,  
go make a diff'rence in the world.**

**We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see  
We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace,  
go make a diff'rence in the world.**

**[Refrain]**

**Ministry of Music:**      Allegro from  
"Our Father Which Art in Heaven"      Mendelssohn

***We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music***

## Announcements

<b>Greeters:</b>	March 5	Linda & Alastair Lamont
<b>Ushers:</b>	Left Side	Florence Bartlett & Marian MacKay
	Middle	Roger Miller
	Right Side	Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
	Upstairs	Katie & Eric Lakes
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	March 12	Ministry & Personnel

**Daylight Savings Time** ...Don't forget to set your clocks ahead next Saturday night (March 11)

Are you 12 or older? Are you looking to join the church or just want to find out more about the church you call home? Pastor Sarah and Rev. Richard will be holding **Confirmation classes** throughout the season of Lent. If you or your child are interested in joining the church family, please call the office (458-1183) or email Pastor Sarah or Rev. Richard (emails posted on the inside back cover).

If you are an adult looking to join the church, we will be welcoming New Members on Easter Sunday. Contact the office or either of your ministers for more information.

Our community thrives because of it's many volunteers, and this is just as true for our Sunday School. We are only able to offer Sunday School to the youth of our community when gifted members step up and share their ability to teach, to share knowledge, and share the gospel. We're asking you, parents, grandparents, and non-parents, to share your gift and support our Sunday School and to volunteer to teach in the coming weeks and months.

The UCW of St. Paul's United Church, on the corner of George and York Streets, will be hosting a **BRIDGE LUNCHEON**, on Saturday, April 8th beginning at 12 noon. Tables are \$48.00. Contact Isabel to register at 459-7116.

**UCW Spring Rally:** April 29th in Florenceville. Theme: Reaching Out With Purpose. Please watch for further details.

**CONGRATULATIONS** and a heartfelt thank you to all who helped with the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It was very well attended and \$676.70 was raised! We also want to give a round of applause to Rev. Richard for winning this year's pancake toss!

St Paul's currently has **space for rent**, that being the room ( 14' x 27'=348 sq. ft.) off the lower level gym. This includes access to the gym, the lower level kitchen and the washrooms. The area would appeal to a Daycare operation (pre-school or after school), exercise class, dance class, etc. If you know of potential tenants please contact Greg Morton 455-8179)

### **Grand or Baby Grand Piano Needed**

The piano in Fraser Memorial Hall has seen its better days and is beyond repair. If you have or know someone who has a Grand or Baby Grand Piano that could be gifted to St Paul's please contact Greg Morton 455-8179.

The New Maryland United Church, New Maryland Lions Club & New Maryland Fire Dept. are having a **Fundraising Breakfast & Silent Auction** at the New Maryland Rec. Centre on Saturday Mar 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 12Noon. All proceeds are to support RON TUPLING and his family. Ron is a double lung transplant recipient.