



Worship Service for March 1st, 2020
Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Lynn McKinnon
Music Director Chris White

"We are a faith community building relationships with God, all people, and our world."

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you.

†PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Spirit Open My Heart" (MV 79 vs 3)**

OPENING PRAYER:

God of the mountaintop and of the plain, we remember today the Transfiguration of Jesus.

Glorious, mysterious, and shimmering with light, you know our hearts, our triumphs, and our disasters. Take us as we are; love us as we are; join with us and transform us into your holy ones. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS:

SHARING THE PEACE:

†OPENING HYMN: **"On Eagles Wings" (VU 808)**

SPOILER ALERT:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of infinite patience and love, we come to you this day having just gone through the season of greed. 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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

We are loved by God! And in that love rests all safety, security, comfort, and hope. Rest in God’s love. Prepare yourself for service to God who is ever faithful to us. **AMEN.**

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **“Wonder and Stare” (VU 118)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

“The Lord’s Prayer” (Sung VU 959)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

One: This is the witness of Israel.

ALL: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Psalm 32

One: This is the witness of the ancient song writers

All: Thanks be to God

Romans 5:12-19

One: This is the witness of the Church.

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: **“We Love to Tell the Story”**

READER’S THEATRE: **Close Encounters at the Cross: Satan**

Gospel: **Matthew 4:1-11**

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ, the Living Word.

SERMON: **"Lead me not into temptation: I'll find it myself!"**

†HYMN: **"Amazing Grace" (VU 266)**

MINUTES FOR MISSION: "Supporting Ministers Financially"

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERTORY:

†DOXOLOGY: **"For the Gift of Creation" (VU 538)**

†DEDICATION

Forgiving God, you bring us the joy of salvation! Your steadfast love surrounds those who trust you.

We are grateful that you nurture us with your Word.

By your Spirit, help our congregation draw closer to you, even as we reach out to share your good news with our neighbors.

We dedicate our offerings in the name of your faithful Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

†A NEW CREED: **(Spoken)**

†CLOSING HYMN: **"Blessed Assurance" (VU 337)**

†COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION:

Be with us, Lord, as we go from this place.

Give us confidence in your loving presence,

and help us witness to that love as we encounter others. AMEN.

†CHORAL AMEN **(VU 969)**

†SENDING FORTH: **"Jesus Christ is Waiting" (VU 117 vs 5)**

Postlude

**Prayers used for this Service Derived From Ministry Matters*

Announcements

Help us keep the air we share healthy and fragrance-free. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. Please do not wear perfume, cologne, aftershave and other fragrances.

The Peace Candle is lit as a reminder to Christians to pray for and work for world peace.

Rev. Lynn McKinnon's "drop-in" Office hours will be Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:30am-12:00 pm. Email: Rev.Lynn@westminsteruc.com

2019 Donation Receipts are now available in the Church Office Commencing March 3rd, Rev. Lynn McKinnon will be holding a "Lent Guided Meditation" on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the WUC Lounge. These sessions will continue until April 7th.

It is time to renew Broadview Subscriptions! Cost is \$25.00. Please Contact Jody Davison: 403 548-1838

The U.C.W will be hosting "Soup Sunday on March 8th

Easter Egg Buns will be served by the U.C.W on Palm Sunday (April 8th)

The next U.C.W meeting will take place on April 17th at 1:30 at Chinook Village

MEDICINE HAT ECUMENICAL LENTEN WORSHIP 2020

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00PM

February 26 (Ash Wednesday)

St. Barnabas Anglican 635 4th Street S.E Rev. Jeff Decelle

March 4 St. Peter Lutheran 758 8th Street S.E. Rev. Dave Pollard

March 11 St. John's Presbyterian 504 2nd Street S.E. Rev. Shane Hein

March 18 Fifth Avenue Memorial 476 4th Street S.E. Rev. Oz Lorentzen

March 25 Unity Lutheran 599 - 12th Street N.W. Rev. Lynn McKinnon

April 1 Westminster United 101 6th Street S.E. Rev. Jeff Lackie

Child Services is requesting donated suitcases, backpacks etc. These items will be given to foster children in need. Donations can be made at the Provincial Building (across from Dairy Queen) 346-3rd Street Street. 2nd floor #2013.

St Barnabas Anglican Church will be hosting a World Day of Prayer Service 635 4 St SE, on Friday March 6 at 7 PM.

The Augustana Choir on Tour

***Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church, March 6
Concert begins at 7:00 pm and Admission is by Donation***

The Hat Grannies for Africa will be hosting their annual "Fabric, Yarn and More" Sale on Saturday, March 14, 2020. The sale will take place at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 504 – 2nd Street SE, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Donations of fabric, yarn, notions and all manner of supplies used in sewing, quilting, knitting and crocheting are accepted. Please text or call Kathy at 403-928-2135 or Sheila at 403-580-7715 to arrange for pick up of donations or for more information. Since 2006, grandmothers groups across Canada have raised over \$36 million dollars, 90% of which goes to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign (part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation) and is sent directly to community-based organizations run by and for African grandmothers raising their grandchildren.

Donations at Coffee Time during March are allocated to the UCW.

Please remember to wear your WUC name tags !

Assisting with the Service This Morning

Elder-in-Charge: Marg Taylor

Greeters: Everett and Clara

Scripture Reader: Debi Hoefling

Coffee Hosts: Linda Kisell & Anne

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Sound : Pat Evans

PowerPoint Operator: Kathy Nielsen

Wheelchair Lift Operator: