

# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

March 1, 2020

## The First Sunday in Lent

A warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today.

Please note this is a scent free environment.

(\*please rise in body or spirit)

*Prelude: "Assurance"*

- arr. Robert J. Hughes

Welcome, Announcements & Lighting of the Candles

*\*Gathering Hymn: VU 530 "All Beautiful the March of Days"*

*Centering Time for Worship*

### Starting at the Last

*\*Invitation to Community*

The journey begins

**A journey of increasing sadness**

We will walk deeply into shadow

**Light will be far from us**

But now begins the story

**The story that draws us closer to the Holy**

*\*Gathering Prayer*

**Lord, I commit my failures as well as my successes into your hands, and I bring for your healing the people and situations, the wrongs and the hurts of the past.**

**Give me courage, strength, and generosity to go on, leaving the past behind me, and living the present to the full.**

**Lead me always to be positive as I entrust the past to your mercy, the present to your love, and the future to your providence. -Augustine of Hippo (354-430 CE)**

*Candles of Joy and Concern*

*\*Hymn: VU 260 "God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness"*

## *Lenten Liturgy*

This is a basket, an empty basket,  
in which we deposit all our possessions.

**This basket is empty for we walk now in shadow.**

Possessions can bring joy, and they can also bring sadness.

**Possessions are not more important than people.**

**So, in this basket lays the emptiness and the fulness,  
of the cross.**

## **Eternal Life Anyone?**

*Preparation for Proclamation:* MV 7 "Gather Us In"

**Gather us in, Ground us in you. X2**

**Gather us in, gather us in, ground us,  
ground us in you.**

*Scriptures:* Reader: Jim Glynn

Psalm 19, VU 740 Mark 10.17-31

*Anthem:* "Be Thou My Vision"

Reflection:

*Response:* Song of Faith: 1.0 & 1.1 (See insert)

*Minute for Mission:*

*Offering:* "Adagio" - Henry Purcell

*\*Hymn of Presentation:* 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.**

*\*Prayer of Dedication:*

**Holy One, last week we witnessed transfiguration,  
today we hear of salvation. May these gifts bring healing  
and wholeness to all of creation. In the name of Jesus, we  
make this prayer. Amen.**

*Prayers of the Faithful:*

followed by Prayer of Jesus VU 916 - A Paraphrase

*\*Hymn: VU 120 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

*\*Sending Forth*

Go out into the shadow

**We will follow the light of Holy Love**

Walk in scary places

**For this Lenten path is not easy**

Dare to be faithful

**We have no choice**

*\*Concluding Rite: VU 108 vs. 4*

**And though the road is hard and steep,**

**The Spirit ever calls us on.**

**Through Calvary's dying dark and deep,**

**Until we see the coming Dawn.**

*Postlude: "Prelude in G minor" (The 'Great') - J.S. Bach*

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### **In Appreciation**

*Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw*

*Music: Arlene Gray and the Choir*

*Special Music: Organist - John Jull*

*Thank You to Ushers, Greeters, Elevator Monitors,  
Offertory Collectors and Refreshment Angels.*

*AV: Ted Shaw PowerPoint: Carol Atkinson/Patti Shaw*

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