

# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

March 8, 2020

**The Second Sunday in Lent - International Women's Day**

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: "In Quietness"* - Elizabeth T. Wright

Welcome, Announcements & Lighting of the Candles

*\*Gathering Hymn: MV 20 "God of Still Waiting"*

*Centering Time for Worship*

**On the Road Again**

*\*Invitation to Community*

We are one step closer to the cross

**It is the cross that brings us together**

We are called to be servants

**Servants of Jesus, servants of love**

Be at peace in this place

**For the spirit calls us together**

*\*Gathering Prayer*

**Healing God, we name our blindness, our deafness, our selfishness. As we continue our journey of discernment and service, fill our hearts and hands with your presence, with your challenge. Guide our souls to do your work, so that our faith will make us well. In the name of Jesus, the one of the cross, we make this prayer. Amen**

*Candles of Joy and Concern*

*\*Hymn: VU 307 "Touch the Earth Lightly"*

*Lenten Liturgy:*

We will hear the story of blind Bartimaeus,  
whose sight was restored.

**Jesus asked the question,**

**“what do you want me to do for you”?**

Sometimes we give answers without asking questions,

**And sometimes we think we have all the answers.**

**But there is only one who knows all.**

So here I place these glasses, to remind us to see as God sees,

**And to see the world from the perspective of the cross.**

### **Is This Good News?**

*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: Carol Parnell

Psalm 34, VU 761 Mark 10.32-52

*Anthem:* “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” (VU 560)

*Reflection:*

*Response:* Song of Faith: 1.2 & 1.3 (See insert)

### **Living with (a) Better Vision**

*Offering:* “Offertory” - Dimitri Kabalevsky

*\*Hymn of Presentation:* VU 538 “For the Gift of Creation”

*\*Prayer of Dedication:*

**Holy One, we share these gifts so that the blind will see, inclusion will be the norm, and the promise of everlasting life will be for all of creation.**

**Amen.**

*Prayers of the Faithful:*

*The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper:*

Invitation

*\*Communion Hymn:* VU 470 “For the Bread”

The Peace

Communion Prayer - (see insert)

Fraction and Distribution

*\*Hymn: VU 559 "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"*

*\*Sending Forth*

Get back on the road

**For our journey continues**

Care for those who are crushed in spirit

**All of us need love**

Be bold in your witness

**To see the world as Jesus sees**

*\*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: "Elegy and Fugue"*

- Healey Willan

### **In Appreciation**

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

*Music: Arlene Gray, John Jull and the Choir*

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

*Communion Servers: Judy & Dave Stephenson, Bill Gilbert, Stan Vanneste, and Dan Kingdon*

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

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