

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH



March 10, 2019

1st 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: "O Quanta Qualia" - Philip Cranmer

Welcome and Announcements

**Gathering:* VU #345 "Come, Children, Join to Sing"

Centering Time for Worship: Lighting of the Candles

The Shadow Begins to Descend...

**Invitation to Community*

Our walk becomes slower

We feel a shadow.

If this cup could be passed

We would gladly let it go.

But we must continue to move

Otherwise death will triumph.

**Gathering Prayer:*

Holy One, we gather here marked by the ashes of the past week. Yet, Divine Friend, we gather as whole and complete creations of your love. Fold us in together, bind us to your purpose, give us the peace that only you can give, so that we may stretch out our hands to feel the light of resurrection. In the name of Jesus, the one of the cross, we make this prayer. Amen.

Candles of Joy and Concern

**Hymn:* VU #112 "O God, How We Have Wandered"

Lent Challenge 1: Reader: Kenneth Gray - Sue Browning St. Andrews-Westminster and Littlewood United Churches, London, ON

Worship with the Young at Heart

How High Can You Count?

Preparation for Proclamation:

MV #14 "Where Two or Three are Gathered" x3

Scriptures:

Psalm 32, VU #759

Reader: Sue Masters

Matthew 18.15-35

Anthem: "It is Well with My Soul" - arr. John Purifoy

Reflection

The Lengthening of Lent

Minute for Mission: Carol Parnell

Offering: "Ricerca" - Jacobo Fogliano

**Hymn of Presentation:* MV #172 "God Says" vs 4

**Prayer of Dedication*

Great Spirit, receive these gifts as our fares to move the world to a new place, a new space. May each of us carry each other as we travel to a place we do not wish to go. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

**Hymn:* VU #325 "Christ Is Made a Sure Foundation"

**Sending Forth*

We leave this place to return to a world of shadow and sadness, hope and healing. We trust that the Divine will give us the courage and strength to face this unenviable task. We walk together.

**Concluding Rite:*

"May the Christ Who Walks on Wounded Feet"

**May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk with you on the road.**

**May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
stretch out your hands to serve.**

**May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart,
open your hearts to love;
When you leave this place
may you see the face of Christ in ev'ryone you meet;
And may ev'ryone you meet see the face of Christ in you.**

- Trad. Celtic blessing/Roger C. Bond

Postlude: "Psalm 116 from Tabalature Book " - Anthony van Noordt

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

Music: Arlene Gray and the Choir

AV: Brian James *Sunday School:* Sue Masters

Refreshments: Surprise *Elevator:* A. J. McNaught

Ushers & Greeters: Dave & Judy Stephenson, Ina Stenner, Leona Clark

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