

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

March 24, 2019

3rd 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)

Welcome Trinity United as we worship together today!

Prelude: "Echo Fantasie" - Gerhardus Scronx (17th century)

Welcome and Announcements

**Gathering: VU #412 "This is the Day"*

Centering Time for Worship: Lighting of the Candles

Responding to the Invitation

**Invitation to Community*

We gather in the cause of truth and justice

Truth that is beyond measure, justice that is beyond peace

The Holy One has called us together

To do the work of love

Do not let the growing shadow overpower you

For we walk in the light of holy love

**Gathering Prayer:*

Gentle Spirit, as we walk ever closer to the shadow of the skull, we ask that you hold before us your light and love. Fold us into the story of your promise of love, your promise of peace, that we may be bold to be faithful to your call. In the name of Jesus, the one of the cross, we make this prayer. Amen.

Candles of Joy and Concern

**Hymn: VU 681 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"*

Lent Challenge 3: Jane Darling

- Sue Browning St. Andrews-Westminster and Littlewood United Churches, London, ON

Worship with the Young at Heart

This is Not My Idea of a Party

Preparation for Proclamation:

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

Scriptures:

Psalm 45, VU #769 Reader: John Jull

Reflection: Rev. Kevin Derry

Matthew 22.1-14 Reader: John Jull

Reflection: Rev. Don Uhryniw

Anthem: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

- arr. Mark Hayes

Go Out into the Streets

Minute for Mission: Shelly Joyes

Offering: "A Morning Hymn"

- Sir W. Sterndale Bennett

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

*Prayer of Dedication

For the union of peace and justice, for the union of heaven and earth, for the union of all of creation, we offer these gifts, and we offer our very selves and souls. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

*Hymn: VU # 348 "O Love, How Deep" vs 1- 4 &7

*Sending Forth

Go out into the streets

We will gather people for the banquet

Remember: we too are called to the banquet

To feast on Holy Love

Continue to walk to the place of the cross

We will walk knowing that the Great Spirit walks with us

*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: "Beautiful Saviour"

- David Cherwien

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

Music: Bob Grandy, Arlene Gray and the Combined Choirs

AV: Brian James/Lyn Miller

Sunday School: Sue Masters

Refreshments: Catered Lunch

Elevator: Kathy Gillis

Ushers & Greeters: Joan Bark, Barb Cameron & Shirley Walton

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We acknowledge that we live on the traditional territory

of the Mississauga People of the Anishnaabe Nation