

# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

March 31, 2019

The Fourth 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)

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*Prelude: "My Heart is Filled with Longing"*

- J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Gathering Hymn: MV #10 "Come and Seek"*

*Centering Time for Worship: Lighting of the Candles*

## Coming Into the Wilderness

*\*Invitation to Community*

The kindom of Heaven will be like this

**The faithful gathered together in worship and in service**

The kindom of Heaven will be like this

**Where there will be no division between the wise and foolish**

The kindom of Heaven will be like this

**Where there will be no shadow but only Heavenly light!**

*\*Gathering Prayer*

**Great Spirit, sometimes we feel so downcast that we are paralyzed and unable to sense your caring compassion. Help us to remember that you are with us, even in the outer darkness, and when all doors seem shut to us. As we continue our journey to the cross of Jesus, help us to see clearly though the shadow and discern your light. In the name of Jesus, the one of the cross, we make this prayer. Amen.**

*Candles of Joy and Concern*

*\*Hymn: VU #639 "One More Step Along the World I Go"*

*Lent Challenge 4:*

Reader: Ken Richardson

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

*Worship with the Young at Heart*

**My, What Talent!**

*Preparation for Proclamation:*

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

*Scriptures: Psalm 43*

Reader: Dave Stephenson

**Refrain: Lord, send forth your light and your truth**

1 Vindicate me, my God,  
and plead my cause  
against an unfaithful nation.

**Rescue me from those who are  
deceitful and wicked. R**

2 You are God my stronghold.  
Why have you rejected me?

**Why must I go about mourning,  
oppressed by the enemy? R**

3 Send me your light and your faithful care,  
let them lead me;

**let them bring me to your holy mountain,  
to the place where you dwell. R**

4 Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God, my joy and my delight.

**I will praise you with the lyre,  
O God, my God. R**

5 Why, my soul, are you downcast?

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,

**for I will yet praise him,**

**my Saviour and my God. R**

Matthew 25.1-30

*Anthem:* "Lord of the Small"

- Anderson/Forrest

Reflection

### **Being Wise and Foolish**

*Minute for Mission:*

Reader: Joyce Hawthorne

*Offertory:* "May God be Gracious to Us"

- J. Pachelbel

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We offer these talents and we offer our light, so that the world will know that there is light beyond the outer darkness. Amen.**

*Prayers of the Faithful* followed by VU #959 "Lord's Prayer"

\**Hymn:* VU #711 "Sleepers, Wake"

\**Sending Forth*

Light your lamps

**We will take extra oil**

Share your talents

**For we have been given many gifts** Reach into the outer darkness

**To share the light of Holy love**

\**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: "Benedictus" (meditation)*

- John Marsh

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### **In Appreciation**

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

*Music:* Arlene Gray and the Choir

*AV:* Brian James

*Sunday School:* Sue Masters

*Refreshments:* The unknown

*Elevator:* Bill Atkinson

*Ushers & Greeters:* Susan Deeley, Joe Tompkins, Marg Byer

& Sue Masters

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