

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

March 10th, 2019 – Lent 1

Lenten Communion – Imposition of Ashes

A warm welcome...to anyone who is visiting with us this morning. We hope you will find yourselves 'at home' among us. Please sign our guest register in the Narthex.

Infant care... is available in the Nursery. The ushers will be happy show you its location. Nursing Moms are welcome in the Nursery.

Trinity Kids ...is available for children. Everyone joins in the first part of worship and then the children leave after the Time for All Ages.

Hearing Assistance... portable devices are available at the sound console at the back of the church.

*Congregation to stand as able.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome

We Prepare for Worship: a Moment of Silence

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

ONE: We begin our worship with the lighting of the Christ Candle.

(Candle is lit) Christ our Light!

ALL: Christ our Light!

Processional Hymn VU 108 *Throughout These Lenten Days
and Nights – verses 1,3,6*

***Call to Worship**

ONE: We live in the shelter of the Holy One.

ALL: We abide in the shadow of our gracious God.

ONE: We sing praise to God, our refuge, the one in whom we trust.

ALL: We give thanks, for God is with us at all times.

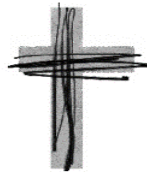
ONE: Let us celebrate God's presence as we worship together.

Gathering Prayer

Loving God, during this Lenten journey, help us
we stumble, support us.

When we falter, strengthen us.

When we wander, guide us back to You.



to lean into You. When

Caring God, in this time of worship, we open our lives to Your living, loving Presence. We pray together...

The Lord's Prayer *(said)*

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

The Life and Work of the Church

Time for All Ages-Lighting of the Lenten Candle

ONE: The season of Lent begins. It lasts 40 days.

We seek to become what God created us to be.

TWO: We light the first Lenten candle on our cross,

We remember that Jesus came to bring God's light to the world.

This light is still here today within us.

(The first candle is lit.)

ALL: Dear God, when we lose your path of light and we do or say things that do not help peace and love. May we become aware and seek your path and walk in it. Amen

ONE: Let us open to Spirit by singing together:

Prayer: Hymn MV 81 *Love Us into Fullness (repeat 3x)*

Love us into fullness, and we will be strong;

Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song.

(The children and youth may go to Trinity Kids.)

Anthem *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

Sermon *"I Wonder as I Wander"*

Bruce Cook

Hymn VU 115 *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering

***Presented in Song VU 540** *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

Grant us God the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,

That ourselves and all our living, we may offer faithfully.

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***Prayer of Dedication** *(including gifts given through PAR)*

Preparation for Communion

A Lenten Prayer (a paraphrase of Psalm 51)

ONE: Wash me clean, Lord. Touch me with your loving touch.

Smooth away my failures which weigh so heavily on my heart.

Sponge away the stains of selfishness, ego and compromise.

Help me clean up my living.

ALL: Create a new heart in me, O God, and restore a right spirit.

ONE: I have let you and myself down as I have strayed from your way. Created with the capacity to do both right and wrong, I have made poor choices and mistakes which have hurt others and damaged myself. Cleanse me from the inside out, loving God.

ALL: Create a new heart in me, O God, and restore a right spirit.

ONE: Scrub my spirit clean. Swirl my wrongdoings down the drain. Let me step out fresh and sparkling. Heal my broken spirit.

ALL: Create a new heart in me, O God, and restore a right spirit.

ONE: Help me; for I want to be all that you created me to be. I want to bring you delight and joy.

ALL: Create a new heart in me, O God, and restore a right spirit.

**Hymn VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

The Passing of the Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

ONE: From the very beginning, you set the world on its course;
you led your people into freedom and gave them a way to walk in peace and justice.

ALL: We walk with all who have travelled this road before.

ONE: When we were lost, you came in Jesus,

ALL: Who taught about your way and invited us to follow.

ONE: He showed us your radical and transforming love.

ALL: Even death was not able to conquer the power of his love,

ONE: For in him, you sang your song of resurrection and hope,

ALL: And Jesus was raised to new life.

ONE: We remember how on the night before his death, he took bread,
broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each
time you eat, remember me.

ALL: Each time we eat this bread, we will remember him.

ONE: Then he took a cup of wine, and after giving thanks,
passed it to his friends, saying, "Take, drink.

This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood.

Each time you drink this remember me."

ALL: Each time we drink this cup, we will remember him.

ONE: Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

ALL: In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

ONE: Send your Holy Spirit on us and this bread and wine.

May we be strengthened to become channels of your love, peace and justice in the
world.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

The Mark of the Ashes & Sharing of the Bread and Cup

You are invited to come forward to receive communion. If you wish to have the mark of the cross in ash and oil placed on your forehead or hand, you may do so before going to one of the two stations to receive communion. Please come forward using the centre aisle and return using the side aisles. Those with mobility issues should notify an usher and we will be happy to bring ashes and communion to you.

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, God, for these your gracious gifts.

Grant us the grace to journey with you throughout these Lenten days and nights. Teach us the meaning of your cross and how love poured out transforms the world. May our Lenten walk lead to Easter joy and resurrection hope! Amen.

WE GO OUT IN FAITHFUL LIVING

***Recessional Hymn VU 425** *God, Dismiss Us with your Blessing*

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe;

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen.

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Postlude

Five Minute Mix...Please use the first 5 minutes after Worship to speak to someone you don't know or don't know well. We only come to know each other as we take the time. Let's build our community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 10, 2019

Thank you Bruce Cook for your message this morning, Holly Ball as our guest pianist today and Christine Button for your children's story.

Yoga is cancelled on Monday, March 11th.

Teen Youth Meeting March 20th 3:30-5:00.

Finding new meaning in old scripture... Explore techniques and methods to reveal ancient teachings and their relevancy even today. Starting after Easter. **Please let Sandra know if you are interested.**

Widow's Group Lunch - Wed. Mar. 20th, 11:45am at Sue's Kitchen, Wallaceburg Adult Activity Centre

Trinity Council Meeting, March 20, 7pm

Also a reminder for the **Community Meal** coming up on March 22nd at 5:30pm.

There is always room at Trinity's table.



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The Chatham Concert Band will be with us for worship of March 24th. Kaisers & Cupcake Lunch will follow. Proceeds will go to the Canadian Foodgrains Local Grow Projects. Hosted by the Mission & Outreach Committee.

Palm Sunday Brunch - Hosted by the Senior Choir **Sunday April 14th**.

Details will be announced soon!



Thought for the Week

We are to serve all people following the example of Jesus.

😊Heavenly Humour😊

Lent is not just for bellybuttons!

Our Mission

Trinity United Church is in a fellowship of believers responding To God's Call as revealed in the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.

It is our purpose to be witnesses to our faith, to worship God, and to reach out with love to all people.

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