

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

February 26, 2023

10:00 am

First Sunday of Lent

Order of Service

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:

The Peace

One: In the name of Jesus, who is alive in each one of us,
Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Centering for Worship

As we centre ourselves for worship we will join together and sing

Hymn – *O God we call*

VU 411

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: On this 1st Sunday of Lent,

All: We come seeking God.

One: In this time of uncertainty in our lives and our world.

All: We come seeking God.

One: Quieting our minds, opening our heart,
And waiting for the divine mystery
To make itself known.

All: We come to worship God.

The Life and Work of the Congregation

Sunday School

In person sessions will be held during the worship service on March 5 & April 2. Please invite any families who might be interested.

Zoom

The worship services will continue to be available to participate via Zoom, thanks to Ken Awmack and Janet Whalley, who have offered to look after the Zoom component of the services. If you would like to join this team and take a turn, please talk to Ken or Janet.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services:

February 26 – Judy Fletcher leading worship

March 5 – John Christoffersen leading worship

March 12 – Judy Fletcher leading worship

March 19 – Darlene Neels leading worship

March 26

Opening Prayer:

Let us worship God together as we pray:

Loving God, who equips us for the journey,

But even more, accompanies us along the way,

Bless us as we enter into your story,

That we may know with our hearts

And feel with our minds, that we may become more

Fully enlivened in you. Amen.

Hymn of Praise:

Hymn – Spirit open my Heart

MV 79

Prayer of Confession:

Words of Assurance:

**All: No matter where we are in our journey
God reaches out to enfold us in His arms,
To help us move forward.
We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God.**

Let us sing together:

Hymn – Don't be afraid

MV 90

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 32

VU 759

Matthew 4 verses 1 – 11

Hymn – Jesus tempted in the Desert

VU 115

Message:

Hymn – Blessed Assurance

VU 337

Offering:

Hymn – In loving partnership

VU 603

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern:

Let us sing together the prayer that Jesus taught us.

Lord's prayer

VU 959

Life and Work of the Congregation:

Announcements

Minute for Mission: Ross McCoubrey

Hymn – Dance with the Spirit

MV 156

Commissioning and Blessing:

Amen.

VU 967

