

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**

March 12, 2023

10:00 am

Third Sunday of Lent

**Order of Service**

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:**

We gather together before God on traditional territory of all First Nation people of the Cariboo and the people of the Metis Nation.

**The Peace:**

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

All: **And also with you**

Hymn – *'There's a River of Life'* MV 160

*There's a River of Life that's flowing from God's throne,*

*A river of life that's flowing from God's throne.*

*Won't you come on in and see?*

*This river will set you free!*

*Way yah hey yah, way yah hey yah, high yah way.*

**Centering for Worship:**

**Lighting of the Christ candle:**

Hymn – *My Shepherd is the Living Lord (sheet in bulletin)*

**Call to Worship:**

**Opening Prayer:**

Let us pray together.

All: Dear God, in these 40 days, we are reminded that Lent, for Jesus and for you, O God, is all about love, of daring to notice the needs of people around you, and of daring to care for the world. Help us make this Lenten season, a reaching-out-time-more than a cutting-back time. May it be a season of love as it was for Jesus. Amen.

(David Lander, while at Grafton, P.C.)

Hymn – *'Jesus stand among us'*

VU 396

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Words of Assurance:**

Lets say the assurance together

**No matter where we are on our journey, God reaches out to help us move forward. We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God.**

Hymn – *'Tell me the stories of Jesus'*  
(Verses 1, 2 & 3)

VU 357

**Scripture Reading:**

Exodus 17:1-7  
John 4 5-26 *Jesus and the Woman of Samaria*  
Romans 1-11 *The song Amazing Grace speaks well  
to the reading from Romans  
(Lani is going to sing it for us.)*

**Conversation:**

**Hymn** – ‘What a friend we have in Jesus’

VU 664

**Offering Prayer:**

Let’s pray together

**All:** In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best  
Today to serve your cause and share your love  
With all along life’s way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ,  
your son, teach us to give ourselves each day  
Until life’s work is done. Amen.

**Hymn** – ‘Grant us, God, the Grace’

VU 540

**Prayers of the people:**

Please pray with me:

**All:** God of the way,  
You are the road we travel and the sign we follow.  
You are bread for our journey and the wine of arrival.  
Guide us as we follow in your way, holding on to each  
other, reaching out to your beloved world.  
And when we stray, seek us out and find us,  
Set our feet on the path again and lead us safely home.  
In the name of Jesus, our Companion, we pray. Amen.

**Continuing together:**

**Lord’s Prayer:**

VU 914

**Life & Work of the Congregation:**

Have a look at the last page of the bulletin for events that are coming up. Does anyone have an announcement?

**Minute for Mission:** Ross McCoubrey

**Hymn** – ‘Walk with me’

VU 649

**Commissioning and Benediction:**

**Amen:**

VU 967 (2 times)

*(Prayer of Confession: Beth Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C. Nipawin Sk. Voices United was used for: VU 544 for the offering prayer  
VU 648 for the prayers of the people)*

## **The Life and Work of the Congregation**

### **Sunday School**

In person sessions will be held during the worship Service on 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.

### **HERE IS THE ZOOM LINK, MEETING ID AND PASSCODE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP:**

Topic: Sunday Worship at St. Andrew's United Church  
Time: Every Sunday at 09:30 am - Vancouver

**Meeting ID: 873 3436 7058**

**Passcode: 167590**

### **Upcoming Sunday Worship Services:**

March 12 – Judy Fletcher leading worship

March 19 – Darlene Neels leading worship

March 26 –

