

March 13, 2022

Lent Two

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: MV 139 True Faith Needs No Defence

Candle

God of wilderness wanderings, when we are lost or feel alone, when we lose hope and our faith falters, you are there ready to guide and inspire us. As we follow Jesus' footsteps on our Lenten journey may we be open to your comforting and yet challenging presence among us. May we walk in light together with unity of heart and purpose as people of faith, hope and courage. Amen

Call to Worship

People of God, listen! We are being called together. **As we walk our Lenten journey, a voice in the wilderness seems to be drawing us in – inviting us into unity and communion as one.** There is a whispering presence urging us to draw near. **Our loving Creator reaches into our lives in this season and seems to be spreading wings of protection and nurturance over us.** Come, children of God, let us be gathered. Let us find safety. Let us remember the love and redeeming grace of God as we worship. **Come, let us be a people gathered together in God's protective love.**

**Cradle me in your arms, cherish and comfort me. O Jesus, source of healing love, in your presence I am free. (MV 91)*

Opening Prayer (written by Wendy Maclean while at Christ U.C., Lyn, Ont.)

Holy One, Word of Life, in these days of Lent, lead us through the wilderness where nothing seems familiar and into a place where we notice you calling us. Lead us into a new day where we trust you with our fears and prejudices because we know you sent Jesus to show a better way. In this season of Lent, travel with us as we

face the places in our lives that would keep us from loving our neighbors. Turn us gently, Lord, and may your Spirit find us willing. Amen

Hymn: VU 65 When We Are Tested

Prayers for Grace & Transformation / Words of Assurance

In Christ we are forgiven and made new. Let us place our trust in God's promise of new and abundant life. Amen

The Peace

Scripture

Prayer for Illumination

First Testament: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27 VU page 754

Gospel **Luke 13 : 31-35**

**Confitemini Domino... Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia. (MV 16)*

Reflection

Hymn: MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Invitation to the offering / Doxology (VU 538)
Offertory Prayer / Announcements

Prayers of Hope / Lord's Prayer

** The answer, my friend, is Blowin' In The Wind, the answer is Blowin' In The Wind*

Benediction / Commissioning

Hymn: VU 433 Day Is Done

Saint Patrick's Day music

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Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Luke 1: 34-35