

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 1, 2020, 11:00 am

1st Sunday in Lent

*** Please rise in body and/or spirit**

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Clergy & Choir Enter**

*** Lighting of the Outreach and Christ Candles:**

One: One does not live by bread alone.

All: Let this candle illumine every word of God.

One: Worship the Lord your God.

All: May the light of this Peace Candle signify our need to serve God and humanity.

*** Introit:** "Come, We That Love the Lord" VU #715, v1

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship:**

One: As we travel this Lenten pathway,
we journey together, a community of faith.

**All: As we travel this Way of Jesus,
we journey together, but also alone.**

One: Practising our faith:

**All: living Christ's call
to love God with all that we are,
to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.**

One: Practising our faith:

All: as stewards on the Way.

*** Hymn:** "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

VU #114

*** Opening Prayer:**

One: Lord, we are so tempted by everything we see;

All: the glitz and glitter of the world and the get-rich-quick schemes that get placed before us.

One: We believe that if we just have enough money, enough friends, enough power, enough safety, we will be OK.

All: Show us how we cannot place our hope and trust in these things.

One: Give us hearts for loving service in which we will find our strength, our courage, our security, our home.

All: May the good news of Jesus bring wholeness in all parts of our world. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Walk with Me"

VU #649

Scriptures: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Matthew 4:1-11

One: May God add to our understanding of these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Ten Thousand Reasons"

Sermon: How to Say No!

*** Hymn:** "How Firm a Foundation"

VU #660

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

*** Offertory:** "God of All Good"

VU #539, v3

*** Offertory Prayer:**

We do not live on bread alone, but by your Word, loving God. May that Word fill our hearts and our hands, all that we have, and all that we are, that it may be a blessing in your world. In Jesus' name, we ask it. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "God Be with You till We Meet Again" VU #422

*** Litany of Diminishing Light:**

One: Even as the days grow longer,

All: Jesus' time grows short.

(the first purple candle is extinguished)

One: Even as the Christ-light shines, the world tries to hide the light of Love.

All: But we will not let our Love be hidden.

*** Commissioning and Benediction:**

One: As we travel this Lenten pathway, we journey together, a community of faith.

All: As we travel this Way of Jesus, we journey together, but also alone.

One: Let us go into God's world, practising our faith,

All: living Christ's call to love God with all that we are, to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

One: Let us go into God's world

All: knowing we are never alone.

Christ's peace, the Creator's love, and the breath of the Holy Spirit go with us. Amen!

Choral Amen

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Music as We Depart