
St. Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church
Lent 3 – March 15, 2020

As you sit to prepare for worship, you are invited to take a moment to acknowledge the land on which our church stands and the spirit of those First Peoples who named this area Katorokwi – the meeting place on the flat rocks.

We also acknowledge the enduring presence of First Peoples who remind us to honour the places where our feet stand.

◆ the congregation is invited to stand, as you are able.
Congregational responses and hymn titles appear in **bold** type

Gathering of God's People

Welcome & Greeting / Life & Work / Mission & Service

Prelude: *Menuet in d-minor* J.H. Buttstett

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: Come, drink at the well!

Living water is our need!

May we always know God's great gift!

Living water is for us!

◆ **Hymn:** *This Day God Gives Me* VU #140

Prayer of Gathering: O God, you are spirit and truth, and you invite us to worship you in spirit and truth. But such ways are not easy for us. We are drawn to your great love through the beauty of creation, the life of Jesus, and the constant call of the Holy Spirit. My we rest in your loving presence during this time of worship, trusting you for sufficient grace. In the name of you, our Creator, the Son our redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our comforter, we place ourselves before you. Amen.

Anthem

Good News in God's Word

Scripture Readings: Judi Brown

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Hear the words from the Hebrew Scriptures. **Thanks be to God.**

◆ **Hymn:** *Spirit, Open My Heart* MV #79

Second Reading: John 4:5-42

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to God.

Reflection: *Hard Places and Living Water* Rev. Jim Potter

Giving Our Response

◆ **Hymn:** *Be Thou My Vision* VU #642

Mission Minute: Linda Harrison

Presentation of Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory: *Adagio* L. v. Beethoven

◆ **Sung Response:** *Grateful* MV #182

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,

Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.

Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,

Joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

Prayer of Dedication: Please receive our offerings, dear God in response to your great love. May these gifts be a blessing in the world. Amen.

Hymn: *Christ Be with Me* VU #318

Prayers of the People

and Lord's Prayer: (back inside cover of *Voices United*)

◆ **Hymn:** *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection* VU #586

◆ **Blessing & Going Forth:**

Go Now in Peace Don Besig & Nancy Price

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every 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.

Postlude: *Prelude in D Major* J.L. Krebs

Upcoming Services for Lent and Easter

- March 15 10 am 3rd Sunday of Lent – Jim Potter will be leading in worship
- March 22 10 am 4th Sunday of Lent – Regular Service
- March 29 10 am 5th Sunday of Lent – Regular Service
- April 5 10 am Palm Sunday – Regular Service
- April 10 10:30 am Good Friday Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 130 Clergy St. E. at Princess Street – All are welcome
- April 12 10 am Easter Sunday Service with Communion.

Christine will be on vacation from March 5-18. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Marjory McMartin at 613-384-1648.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, March 22, 2020 Right after the Service

The Annual Report is on the counter in the foyer for your perusal. Please try to remember to bring your copy back the day of the meeting.

Thank you to all the people who contributed reports to make this report a good representation of all that was accomplished at St. Andrew's By-The-Lake in 2019.

Lenten Bible Study/Discussion Group

**Tuesdays, March 24, March 31 and April 7
10:30 am – noon
Friendship Room
Everyone Welcome**