

Order of service for February 21, 2021 Lakeview United Church

The First Sunday in Lent

Worship Leader: Bryan Tudor

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive – words on the screen)

As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep gives way to fresh beginnings,

we are reminded today of God's love for us.

Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

we welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

In this time of reflection and repentance,

we affirm our identity and we claim our security as children of God.

Prayer of Approach (Unison – words on screen)

God of all our days, you call us to love and serve one another and deepen our relationship with you. As we set off on this Lenten journey together, enliven us with the beauty of your word, unite us in a common purpose, and create in us a burning desire to be your community of blessing for the entire world. Amen.

Opening hymn: 108 Voices United, Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights (verses 1, 3, 4 and 5)

Reflection on Lent

Prayer asking for reconciliation with God (Together; words on the screens)

Holy One, we come to worship on this first Sunday of the season of Lent, knowing that we have not done all that you wished us to do. We have not been the people that you wished us to be nor the people we ourselves wish to be. We have not always lived in the loving ways that Jesus taught us. We sometimes forget that our actions can make a difference in our homes, our schools, our places of work and in our neighbourhood. We are sorry that we have let you down and we ask for your forgiveness. Give us, we pray, the strength to try again. Thank you, God, for listening. Amen.

~ Silent reflection ~

Words of Assurance

People; hear the good news!

We are forgiven. Through Christ, we are empowered to rise up into the fullness of all that we can be. Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 348 Voices United, O Love, How Deep (verses 1, 3 and 4)

Prayer for illumination (Unison on screen)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that we may hear with joy what you have to say to us this day. Amen.

Scripture Mark 1:9-15 The baptism, testing and mission of Jesus

Music for Reflection: Ashes

Reflection

Hymn: 117 More Voices, By the Well, a Thirsty Woman

Prayer of Dedication of the Offering (Unison on screen)

We ask for your blessing, God, on all who are watching this YouTube worship service and on all the gifts that have been offered to Lakeview United Church this week, so that the ministry of this church can continue. Thank you that people still give generously even though we are unable to gather together on a Sunday morning. May these gift help to spread the good news of peace and joy, challenge and comfort to all people. Amen.

Offering Music: MV 34 All is Done for the Glory (verse 1, X2)

Minute for Mission - February is Black History Month

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Closing hymn: 101 Voices United, Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (verses 1, 2 and 3)

Commissioning and Benediction

Go joyfully to do God's will, confident that you are always surrounded by God's grace. May the strength of God equip you for all that lies ahead.

The love of God has been written on our hearts, The Word of God has been carved into our souls, and the will of God has become our life's desire.

Let us go and become the Good News of God

And may God bless our Lenten journey. Amen.

Benediction Response Mighty Lord (chorus, X2)

Postlude