WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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Wesley United Church is a community of Jesus Christ nurturing spiritual growth, pursuing social action, and loving and caring for ourselves and others.

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Past President: Kent Stewart Secretary: Gordon Beck

Treasurer: Vacant

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT February 25, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Presiding: Esther Guillen **Reader:** Kent Stewart

Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

* You are invited to stand

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

*WE SING VU #506

Take My Life and Let It Be

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

One: "Walk before me, and be blameless," said God to Abram, "And I shall make my covenant between me and you."

(Genesis 17: 1-2, paraphrased)

One: Quite openly, we've measured that distance.

All: Quite openly, we've stayed away.

One: Quite openly, we've distanced ourselves.

All: Quite openly, we didn't want to be closer.

One: Quite openly, we are not blameless.

All: Quite openly, we are here.

WELCOME

OUR OPENING PRAYER

...Unknowable mystery

We honour the presence of the holy in our midst.

May the "kin-dom" flourish among us.

May we have only what we need each day that all might have enough and more tomorrow.

May we be as generous in offering forgiveness as we have been humbled and grateful in being forgiven.

May we be strengthened through our trials; and may we face evil with courage, truth and love.

As we pray in Jesus' name, may we also walk in his way. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle in remembrance of the Christ, calling us to inclusivity, diversity and radical neighbour love so that we might open our hearts as we move in to silence:

seeking Wisdom through listening, caring, and connection.

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

*OUR RESPONSE

Wesley Offering Song

People let us work together, striving for community
All are welcome in the circle, centre of diversity
Sharing, caring, learning, growing
Rising to each neighbour's needs
Celebrating all creation, following where Jesus
leads

*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

WE LISTEN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL Mark 8:31-38

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

may we find wisdom for living.

ANTHFM

A Woman and a Coin by Fred Kimball Graham

SPECULATION

WE RESPOND

INTRODUCTION TO SILENCE VU #381

Spirit of Life

SILENCE

RESPONSE TO SILENCE MV #90

Don't Be Afraid

OUR PRAYERS

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*WE SING VU #436

Abide with Me

*WORDS OF MISSION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE