

# WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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*Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.*

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Minister: Cindy Bourgeois (on Sabbatical)

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President: Stephanie Dove

Vice-President: Dan Holbrow

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Secretary: Al Goudie

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2019 10:30 a.m.

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### Assisting in Worship

**Presider:** Holly Schick & Linda Anderson

**Communion Servers:** Geneviève Blais, Kathy Blais,  
Bill Stoddart and Karen Stoddart

**Children's Time:** Barbara Jones

**Reader:** Kent Stewart

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**Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.**

**\* You are invited to stand**

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OUR OPENING PRAYER

We gather in community. What and where is our community?

***It is the people here at Wesley.***

Only on Sunday? Only at Wesley?

***No, of course not!***

Who then?

***Our families and friends.***

Only them?

***No, of course not!***

Who then?

***The people of Regina, of Saskatchewan, of  
Canada, and even the world!***

That's everyone! How can we include everyone?

***Good question! Maybe we can't.***

Maybe there are different kinds of communities?

***Maybe there are different ways to be in  
community, as long as we are intentionally  
inclusive.***

Maybe we can include everyone!

***Just as Jesus taught us.***

***...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.***

\*WE SING MV #79

Spirit, Open My Heart

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a community of followers of Jesus

***nurturing spiritual exploration and growth, we advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.***

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

## **WE LISTEN**

\*WE SING MV #156

Dance with the Spirit

HEBREW BIBLE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

***may we find wisdom for living.***

ANTHEM

This Lonesome Valley  
arr. Don Besig & Nancy Price

SPECULATION

\*WE SING MV #83

Let My Spirit Always Sing

## WE RESPOND

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

\*OUR RESPONSE VU #236

Now Thank We  
All Our God (v.1)

Now thank we all our God, with  
heart, and hands, and voices,

who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world  
rejoices;

who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our  
way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours  
today.

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\*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

## WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNITY

PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all...

***and also with you.***

## THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

As we come to this table, we are reminded that this is the table of Jesus and all who seek to be nourished and sustained in the journey of faith and long to live justly and in peace with their neighbour are welcome here.

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the Holy be with us,

***here within and among us.***

Let us open our hearts.

***We open them to the Holy and to one another.***

Let us give thanks.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Our faith has flowed down through the ages. It is a journey of challenge, covenant and gathered stories. We remember those stories:

the stories of Sarah and Abraham

***who shared life with the world;***

the story of the young woman Mary

***who birthed the one about whom John cried and baptized with water;***

from nomad to ruler,

***from slave girl to mother,***  
the journey moves onward,  
***the faith is passed.***

Now with all creation we join in the chorus of the  
ages and of all the saints gone before us:

***Holy, holy, holy***

***Heaven and earth are full of glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest!***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name  
of the Holy.***

***Hosanna in the highest!***

Let us remember together the vision  
shown to us in Jesus at the table:

***he shared food with his followers and  
friends,***

with saints and sinners,

***with crowds of thousands on the hillside,***

and a few friends in an upper room.

***On the night before he died,  
he had supper with his companions.***

He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks,  
he broke it, and gave it to them saying:

***“Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me.”***

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,  
he passed it among them saying:

***“Drink this. Do this in remembrance of  
me”.***

Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

***In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.***

Remembering the boundless love for us in Jesus,  
we offer our praise.

May the Spirit be alive in us,

***that we may know community in the  
breaking of bread,***

and that in word and deed,

***we may be channels of love, peace and  
justice in the world.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING THE LOAF AND THE CUP

## **WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*WE SING VU #884

We Shall Go Out with Joy

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE