

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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4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 31, 2019 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Presider: Esther Guillen

Reader: Wayne Clarke

Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

*** You are invited to stand**

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

*WE SING MV #8

And On This Path

GATHERING WORDS

Eternal welcomer of wandering children

Help us to find our way home

Eternal forgiver of wayward sons

Help us to find our way home

Eternal embracer of exhausted parents

Help us to find our way home

Eternal carer for crying daughters

Help us to find our way home

Eternal knower of those not yet spoken

Help us to find our way home

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.***

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a community of Jesus the Christ

***nurturing spiritual exploration and growth, we
advocate for justice and social action. We love and***

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TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WE LISTEN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MV #18

Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

may we find wisdom for living.

ANTHEM

Like a Mighty Stream

arr. Moses Hogan

SPECULATION

WE RESPOND

WE SING

Holy Ground

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of the people:

I long for You, O Steadfast Love,
**like the morning glory longs for dawn;
and yet if You turned Your gaze my way
how could I stand in Your sight?**

We Sing:

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you

You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship you

I long for You, O Foolish Hope,
like the desert longs for the rain;
and yet if You flooded over me
how could I keep my footing?

We Sing:

Day and night I cry, my heart is breaking
Tears my only food
While my enemies jeer and taunt me saying
Where now is your God

I long for You, O Whispered Word,
like a parched tongue longs for a fountain;
and yet if You poured out in holy speech
how could I have courage to hear?

We Sing:

Why am I so sad, so troubled
Why must suffering be so long
I will hope in you, my God and savior
Praise you with a song

You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

Adapted from Rachel Hackenberg, Psalm 130, and Psalm 42 VU 766

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.

*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*WE SING MV #41

O Beautiful Gaia

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE