

# 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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Choir Director: Sarah Stubbe

President: Stephanie Dove

Vice-President: Dan Holbrow

Past President: David Kyle

Secretary: Al Goudie

Treasurer: Jim Chernick

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2019 10:30 a.m.

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### Assisting in Worship

Presider: Esther Guillen

Reader: Glenn Schmuland

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Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

\* You are invited to stand

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

### PRELUDE

\*WE SING MV #30 It's A Song of Praise To the Maker

### GATHERING WORDS

As far as the sky is stretched  
from east to west,

***I am held.***

As deep as the tree is planted  
from mystery to miracle,

***I am held.***

As long as time is sustained  
from birth to death,

***I am held.***

As high as the wind is called  
from whisper to storm,

***I am held.***

As close as the galaxy is bound  
from cell to star,

***I am held.***

*Adapted from Rachel Hackenberg Held (on Isaiah 42:5-6)*

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 care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.***

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### WE LISTEN

## SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MV #18

Lord, Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary

## SCRIPTURE

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

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

## ANTHEM

Soon and Very Soon  
arr. Jack Schrader

## SPECULATION

### WE RESPOND

\*WE SING VU #299

Teach Me, God, to Wonder

## MINUTE FOR MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We Sing:**

**By the waters, the water of Babylon,  
We sat down and wept, and wept, for Zion.  
We remember, we remember, we remember  
Zion.**

By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept  
when we remembered Zion.

**There on the willows we hung up our harps  
when our captors asked us for songs.**

Our tormentors called for entertainment, saying  
**“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”**

How could we sing the Lord’s song in a strange  
land?

**If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my hands wither!**

Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you,

**if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest  
joy.**

**We Sing:**

**By the waters, the water of Babylon,  
We sat down and wept, and wept, for Zion.  
We remember, we remember, we remember  
Zion.**

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 #209

Go Make A Diff'rence

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE