

ORDER OF SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

BIBLE OPENING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

GATHERING and PRAISE

(* Please stand if able)

INTROIT VU#108 vs 1

“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”

Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way, where,
meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Lent is an opportunity for a spiritual spring
cleaning,

**a chance to take and air out our experiences
and thoughts,**

time to consider them, organize them, and make
decisions.

What have we learned?

What is to be promoted or avoided?

As we prepare to move into a time of new joys and
new uncertainties,

what can we use to rest firm in our faith?

Let us worship together, in part because it
strengthens our resolve

to trust in God and live our lives in Christ.

***HYMN VU #509**

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

God of the past, present, and future,
we come before you today mindful of your
covenant with us, of the promise you made to
Noah and all living creatures.

Help us to honour your presence, renew our
relationships and be aware of the possibilities
of this new start,

May we watch confidently for your rainbow
assurance of new life and possibility.

**In the name of Jesus, who brings the covenant of
Noah’s time to pass through the work of the Holy
Spirit. Amen.**

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9: 8-17

Mark 1: 9-15

RESPONSE: *Thanks be to God*

SERMON *“Temptation & Mission”*

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING INVITATION

We have a “Giving Station”
at each Entrance and one plate that will
remain at the back entrance throughout the service.

*Please Stand for the Offering Hymn while the
Offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY REFRAIN VU#603

“In Loving Partnership” vs 1

In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive,
we freely offer them to you.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*)
Teach us, God, to offer the very best of
who we are in the service of your will
through the mission of this church:
may we offer hope, joy, and reconciliation
in the world so much in need.
Receive what we give for the sake
of Jesus Christ. *Amen*

SPECIAL MUSIC

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(please see insert)

***HYMN VU #299**

“Teach Me, God, to Wonder”

***COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION**

*** SUNG BLESSING VU 117**

“Jesus Christ is Waiting” (vs 5)

*Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
“Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.”
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.*

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Please remain standing until the Bible is closed.

POSTLUDE

*Reminder of our Lenten Coin Challenge
If you didn't receive a coin container last week,
they are still available at the back of the sanctuary.*

PRAY TODAY, thanking God for the gift of light.
Pray for those who live in darkness

*Our Precious Prayer Box is also available at the back
of the Sanctuary. If there is someone you wish Pastor
Roxanne to pray for, simply jot their name down and
put into our box. Pastor Roxanne is the only person
receiving these requests.*

*London Road West United Church is a welcoming congregation
celebrating God's presence through worship, music, spiritual
enrichment and outreach.”*

“Be with us: Celebrate GOD”

*Pastor Roxanne will be in the office on Tuesday
morning this coming week.*

SESSION'S “Sandwiches, Squares & Fruit”
Sunday, February 25th following our service
**A-M bring Sandwiches,
N-Z bring Squares or Fruit**
Come Join in Fellowship

Rhythms of Lambton – The Georgian Singers
Free Concert – Wednesday, February 21st
7:00 to 8:00 PM – Sarnia Library Theatre

Men's Breakfast Group – Wednesday, February 21st
10:00 AM – John's Restaurant

Friday, March 1st, at 2:00 PM
at London Road West
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Our UCW will host the World Day of Prayer service
and offer a time of refreshment and friendship
following. The theme in 2024 is “*Women Of
Palestine*” We hope you will join us.

Pastor Roxanne will be away from March 1st through
to March 19th on her last “Learning Circle.
Rev. Jill Rogers will be providing Pulpit Supply and
Emergency Pastoral Care during this time.
Should you have an urgent need for Pastoral Care,
please contact Barb Jackson at 519-331-9900

**LONDON ROAD WEST
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February 18th , 2024

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
COMMUNION**

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**WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE
THIS MORNING**

