

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**BIBLE OPENING**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*(\* Please stand if able)*

**INTROIT** VU#108 vs 5

*“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”  
(the verse will be played through first before we sing)*

And though the road is hard and steep,  
the Spirit ever calls us on  
through Calvary’s dying, dark and deep,  
until we see the coming Dawn.

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsive)*

God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

**the courageous and the fearful,**

the hungry and the hopeful,

**the impatient and the reserved.**

God welcomes the young and the wise ones,

**the poets and the prophets,**

the faithful and the tired,

**the curious and the convicted.**

Wherever you are on your journey, there is room for  
all to gather here.

**This is God’s house.**

**Let us worship God together seeking wholeness.**

**\*HYMN VU #642**

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

**OPENING PRAYER** *(unison)*

God of love, in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to  
us, so may we give ourselves to you, living  
accordingly. Keep our feet firmly in the way of  
Christ; help our lips to speak the same truth that  
Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that  
is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

**PRAYER OF ASSURANCE** *(responsive)*

God enters into the deepest striving for good within  
each of us, and gives us the strength and the will to  
follow. Be assured, you are a grace-filled people.

**Thanks be to God for your enduring hope**

**and light. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

## **WE HEAR THE WORD**

**WORD FOR ALL AGES**

*“What does it mean to go through life asleep?”*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

*Responsive Psalm 98 (Pg 818VU)*

*Epistle Lesson Romans 13:11-14*

**\*RESPONSIVE HYMN VU#112**

*“O God, How We Have Wandered”*

**REFLECTION** *“Sleep Walking”*

## **WE RESPOND TO THE 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)*

**O God, Grant us the blessing; of gifts generously  
given, of time generously made available, of  
abilities generously shared, in your loving and  
challenging service. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

The Lord’s Prayer..... Amen

**\*HYMN VU # 264**

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

*(please remain standing)*

**\*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*

**PRAY TODAY, THANKING God for your health.**  
*Pray for those who are sick..*

*Welcome to Rev. Jill Rogers today and THANK YOU  
for walking with us these last three weeks.  
It is a joy to have you with us.*

*Pastor Roxanne will be in the office Tuesday morning  
March 19<sup>th</sup>*

**REMINDER** – If you have missed a sermon, wish to hear the sermon again, or have family/friends who may wish to listen to the sermon, simply call  
**519-344-3271**

Extra Cards on the back table.

**St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church  
LUNCHTIME – Organ Concert Series**

Thursdays during Lent - Noon – 12:45  
261 Christina Street N - More Info on Bulletin Board

*We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the local food banks. Simply drop off in the buckets located at each entrance. If you would prefer, there is a Food Can on the desk to make monetary donations instead of food items.*

Lambton Centre is busy with up-coming events for Spring and Summer. There is a package available on the back table if you have children or grandchildren who may be interested in attending any of the camps.

*These short stories make us think twice about the daily happenings in our lives as we deal with others!!*

Today, a boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving he said “I hope you feel better soon.”

Today, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn’t eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, “We can share it.”

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**“Be with us: Celebrate GOD”**

**LONDON ROAD WEST  
UNITED CHURCH**

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE  
THIS MORNING**

