

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2024**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**BIBLE OPENING**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*(\* Please stand if able)*

**INTROIT** VU#108 vs 3

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

We bear the silence, cross and pain  
of human burdens, human strife,  
while sisters, brothers help sustain  
our courage till the Feast of Life.

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE**

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

We have slipped into a new season—  
a journey to Jerusalem.

**Dare we continue on this Lenten journey?**  
Will God go with us?

**The way is full of struggles and difficult  
decisions.**

Yet each step holds the possibility of hope and  
transformation.

**We take courage that Jesus is our  
pilgrim guide.**

We do not travel on our own. Not ever.

**Let us worship God together.**

**\*HYMN VU #120**

*“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

**OPENING PRAYER** *(unison)*

Compassionate Creator, you scatter signs of your  
mercy along our wandering way. Grant us courage  
and insight that we might find firm faith as we  
continue our journey through this Lenten season.  
We pray in the name of Jesus our Companion, to  
whom with you and the Spirit, one God, be honour  
and praise, now and forever. Amen.

**LENTEN PRAYER**

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

No matter where we are, or what we have done, God  
is ready to accept us for who we are and encourage us  
to begin again. Receive the love of God with joy.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

## **WE HEAR THE WORD**

**WORD FOR ALL AGES**

*“So What’s Next?”*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

*Responsive Psalm*

*Psalm 22 (parts 3 and 4)*

*page 746 Voices United*

**Gospel Reading** *Mark 8: 27-38*

**\*RESPONSIVE HYMN VU#344**

*“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”*

**REFLECTION** *“The Cost of Living ”*

## **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)*  
Lord of love, in asking you to bless these gifts, we  
ask you to bless us. In dedicating our money to  
your work, so we dedicate our lives to you and to  
following Jesus by serving others. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

The Lord’s Prayer..... Amen

**\*HYMN VU # 116** “Giver of the Perfect Gift”

*(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 clothing that protects you from the elements. Pray for those who lack clothing to keep them warm and dry.*

*Welcome to Rev. Jill Rogers today and through the next two weeks. Rev. Jill will provide Pulpit Supply and Emergency Pastoral Care while Pastor Roxanne is on Learning Circle.*

**Should you have an urgent need for Pastoral Care, please contact Barb Jackson at 519-331-9900**

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

Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I’m working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said: *“Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile.”*

Today, I asked my mentor – a very successful business man in his 70s – what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled and said: *“Read something no one else is reading, think something no one else is thinking, and do something no one else is doing.”*

Today at 7AM, I woke up feeling ill, but decided I needed the money, so I went into work. At 3 PM I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too.

*To be continued.....*

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**“Be with us: Celebrate GOD”**

## **LONDON ROAD WEST UNITED CHURCH**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2024**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE  
THIS MORNING**

