

Gathered as Community! Lent 1



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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Processional: God, Prepare Me
**God, prepare me to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for You**

Welcome

Check In: What is your hope for this church this year?

Acknowledgement of the Land

Ahniin, We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours on Christian Island, Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.

This week Manitoba celebrated Louis Riel Day. Riel has long been a hero to Metis people in Saskatchewan. He was an important leader and is known by many as the founder of Manitoba. He wrote the document upon which Manitoba's entry into Canada was based.

**We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope.
Chi-Meegwetch**

Call to Worship

As we travel this Lenten pathway, we journey together, a community of faith.

As we travel this Way of Jesus, we journey together, but also alone.

Practising our faith:

**living Christ's call to love God with all that we are,
to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.**

One: Practising our faith:

as stewards on the Way.

Opening Prayer

Reader: Murray Lockhart

Lighting of Christ Candle

Prayer: As we light this Christ Candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

Sung Response: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery v4 VU#121

Peace of Christ

Stories for All Ages: Meetings

Song of Praise: VU#218 We Praise You O God

Listening

Scripture: John 11:1-44 **Reader: Judy McConnell**

Reflection: What is Possible?

Song for Reflection: MV#165 There Is a Time

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music: Beside Still Waters

Offertory Response: VU#542 We Give You But Your Own
**We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Worship and Work: AGM

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Song for the Journey: VU#633 Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Closing: Amen

Postlude