

# A Reset!

## Lent 3



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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

Talk about a woman who inspires you.

### 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 we celebrate people like Miss Indigenous Canada Gena Boubard, who find creative and meaningful ways to represent and support their communities. Boubard has created ribbon skirt kits that include material designed by Indigenous artists. Boubard is glad to have a way to uphold their culture and create something beautiful at the same time.

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

### Call to Worship

It is in God that we live, and move, and have our being.

**And so, in every moment of every day,  
we dance with God, and God dances with all creation.**

We don't often notice that we're dancing, but sometimes, every once in a while,  
**God's music and movement breaks through, and we know!**

When we gather together, as community of faith,  
we gather to help one another become open to the presence of God;  
**we gather to help one another be intentional in that relationship;**  
we gather to help one another, and in helping one another,  
**we worship God.**

### Opening Prayer

Reader ~ Louise Leck

### 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

**Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, Come inflame our hearts anew,  
we may all your joy inherit If we bear the cross with you,  
if we bear the cross with you.**

### Peace of Christ

### Stories for All Ages

The Dark by Lemony Snicket

### Song of Praise

VU#315 Holy Holy Holy

## **Listening**

**Scripture** John 18:12-27 NRSV **Reader ~ Fran Hill**

**Sermon** Choices and Second Chances

**Song for Reflection** VU#148 Jesus Remember Me

**Life and Work of the Church** (Announcements)

**Offering of Thanksgiving**

**Offertory Music** Psalm 139 (Choir)

**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** **Reader ~ Louise Leck**

**Song for the Journey** VU#649 Walk With Me

**Extinguishing of the Candles**

**Blessing**

**Closing Chorus** May the Christ Who Walks on Wounded Feet

**Postlude**