

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
1st Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2022**

* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

Candle Lighting Vera MacLead

Life & Work of the Community

We Gather to Worship

OPENING PRAYER & CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Hymn Love Divine 333VU

Minute for Mission

A Story For All Ages

Scripture Readings: Delite Richards
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Luke 4:1-13

Sermon: *“Outward Bound for the Soul”*

Prayer of the People & Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Anthem

Offertory Prayer

*Hymn Bread of Life, Feed My Soul 194MV

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

“The Gifts of God for the People of God”

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn Like A Healing Stream 144MV

Benediction

*Sending Forth Take Up His Song of Peace 213MV

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings March 13, 2022

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17–4:1
Luke 9:28–36

Upcoming dates

March 6 - Today- 1st Sunday in Lent - Rev Debbie Aitken
- Sacrament of Holy Communion

March 6 - Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following
worship

March 13 - 2nd Sunday in Lent - Rev Debbie Aitken

March 20 - Third Sunday in Lent - Canon Mark Tiller

- we will return to in-person Sunday School

March 24 - Seniors’ Meal

March 27 - 4th Sunday in Lent - Rev Debbie Aitken

The AGM Report is now available in the narthex. The meeting is today after church.

Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry, during which he endured temptation by Satan. This season is observed in the Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, Moravian, Oriental Orthodox, Reformed (including Presbyterian and Congregationalist), United Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches. Some Baptist and nondenominational Christian churches also observe Lent.

Which days are enumerated as being part of Lent differs between denominations, although in all of them Lent is described as lasting for a total duration of 40 days. In Western Churches, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later; depending on the Christian denomination and local custom, Lent concludes either on the evening of Maundy Thursday, or at sundown on Holy

Saturday, when the Easter Vigil is celebrated. Sundays may or may not be excluded, depending on the denomination. In Eastern Churches (whether Eastern Orthodox, Eastern Lutheran, or Eastern Catholic), Lent is observed continuously without interruption for 40 days starting on Clean Monday and ending on Lazarus Saturday before Holy Week.

Don't forget the food bank! In our Gospel story, the 3 disciples wanted to erect 3 booths to commemorate what they had witnessed. We, however, could commemorate the Transfiguration by working to support the food bank; it depends on us.

Reminder: Our offering plate is located near the sanctuary doors. Please place your contributions there, since we will not be taking an offering as we have in the past. It's one way to be mindful of the Covid restrictions.

We love PAR! Par is the Pre-Authorized Remittance, a direct debit program that allows you to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Contact Maureen MacLeod if you are interested in contributing to our church through our PAR. Sure makes giving easier and more dependable!

Interested in good reading? Near the table by the nursery, we have some denominational magazines, Broadview/Observer, that have good articles about United Churches in action. Take one home, give it a read, and return it when finished. You'll be a better church member when you're finished....or at least a more informed church member.

For any who would like a Lenten Calendar, there is one on the Narthex table provided by Prayer Bench

Our "sweat shop" volunteers are meeting on Monday mornings to consider different creative ideas for the December craft sale. They sew and clean up materials and make preparations for the crafts. All are welcome to help! Thanks, volunteers

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