

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
4th Sunday of Lent
March 27, 2022**

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings April 3, 2022
Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126; John 12:1-8

Upcoming dates

March 27 - 4th Sunday in Lent - Rev Debbie Aitken
April 6 - Lenten Gathering with coffee - 10AM
April 6 - Session Meeting - 6:30PM
April 10 - Palm Sunday
April 13 - Lenten Gathering with coffee - 10AM
April 15 - Good Friday Service - 7PM
April 17 - Easter Sunday Sunrise at Machon Pt. - 6:30AM
April 17 - Easter Sunday - Communion - 10:30AM
April 20 - Office Board Meeting
April 21 - Seniors' Meal

* please stand as able

Prelude
Welcome
Candle Lighting **FOR PEACE & FOR PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**
Life & Work of the Community
*Hymn **Come and Find the Quiet Center** **374VU**
We Gather to Worship
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Minute for Mission
*Hymn **Over my Head** **88MV**
A Story For All Ages
Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Psalm 32 **759VU**
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Sermon: **"An Excessive Lifestyle"**
*Hymn **Spirit Open my Heart** **79MV**
Offering
Anthem
Offertory Prayer
Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer
*Hymn **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say** **626VU**
Benediction
*Sending Forth **Take Up His Song of Peace** **213MV**

Don't forget the food bank!

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!

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.

A Prayer at the Time of Conflict in the Ukraine

War is terrible but you find us, Loving God.

You find us anxious as conflict rages in the country of Ukraine.
You find us angry at the senseless loss of life,
you find us distressed as civilians are caught up in a terrible war,
you find us grieving over the death of innocent bystanders.

War is terrible but you listen to us carefully, Loving God.

You listen as we ask the politicians, "Can't you work for a peaceful solution?"

You listen as we say to the aggressors, "Don't put children or hospitals at risk."

You listen as we give thanks for countries that welcome those displaced

with big hearts and open arms;

you listen as we fear for journalists who put themselves in danger to report the truth.

War is terrible but you give us hope, Loving God.

Hope that leaders will patiently give peace a chance.

Hope that despite the heartache, the terror, and the loss,
places of sanctuary will be found and acts of kindness will take root and grow.

Hope that feelings of revenge for broken livelihoods and broken bodies

will be replaced by a willingness to restore community and to forgive.

We pray in the name of Jesus, crucified one. Amen

—David Sparks

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