

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
5th Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2022**

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings April 10 2022

Isaiah 50: 4a-9a; Psalm 31; Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 23

* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

Candle Lighting **FOR PEACE & FOR PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

Life & Work of the Community

*Hymn **It's a Song of Praise to the Maker** **30MV**

We Gather to Worship

PRAYER OF GRACE

Minute for Mission

*Hymn **Give Me Oil in My Lamp** **130SFGP**

A Story For All Ages

Scripture Readings: **Isaiah 43:16-21**
Psalm 126 **850VU**
John 12:1-8

Sermon: ***"What is this Scent?"***

*Hymn **When We Are Living** **581VU**

Offering

Anthem

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn **I See A New Heaven** **713VU**

Benediction

*Sending Forth **Take Up His Song of Peace** **213MV**

Call to worship adapted from Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies; offertory prayer form adapted from David Lander, Gathering L/E 2013, p.33

Upcoming dates

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

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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