# WELCOME TO MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH 3rd Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022

\* please stand as able

**Prelude** 

Welcome

Candle Lighting FOR PEACE & FOR PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Life & Work of the Community

\*Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 333VU

We Gather to Worship

**Affirmation of Faith** 

Minute for Mission

\*Hymn One More Step 639VU

A Story For All Ages

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Psalm 63 800VU

Luke 13:1-9

Sermon:

Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn Jesus Calls Us 562 VU

Offering

Anthem

**Offertory Prayer** 

\*Hymn O Jesus I Have Promised 120VU

**Benediction** 

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings March 27, 2022

2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Psalm 32; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### **Upcoming dates**

We will return to in-person Sunday School -TODAY
March 24 - Seniors' Meal
March 27 - 4th Sunday in Lent - Rev Debbie Aitken
April 6 - Session Meeting - 7PM via Zoom
April 10 - Palm Sunday
April 15 - Good Friday Service
April 17 - Easter Sunday
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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