

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us join in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil:

for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

****CLOSING HYMN:** MV # 90 "Don't Be Afraid."

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Leader: We are sent out in love acknowledging that God who is love will always be with us wherever we go.

All: God, who journeys with us will lead us through darkness and light. Thanks be to God!

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United Church of Canada

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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Leader: We light these candles as a reminder that Christ is the light of the world.

All: As a candle dispels darkness, we serve as lanterns of God's love for the dark world.

Leader: May the light of Christ continue to shine upon us even as we extinguish this candle.

All: Let it be so!

[A candle is extinguished]

HYMN: VU # 108 "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights."
[verse 4 only]

CALL TO WORSHIP [Adapted from Psalm 107, see VU.P.831]

Leader: Let's gather joyfully with thanksgiving and tell of God's deeds.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let all who are gathered from all the places praise the Lord our God.



All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: let us worship God who comes to our rescue when we are lost in the wilderness.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

****OPENING HYMN:** MV # 7 "Gather Us In."

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (in Unison)

Merciful and enduring Love, we confess sometimes we feel lost and disconnected from you. Sometimes we turn away from you as the wilderness journey becomes tough and disappointing. Help us understand that challenges don't cease in our wilderness, but you continue to help us overcome them. Help us repent and turn back to you.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Dear friend, God loves and forgives all the time. God's light penetrates our lives giving hope, healing, and comfort. Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us greet one another with words of peace.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you,

All: And, with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

****CHILDREN'S HYMN:** "Love" [video -Jana Alayra]

In scripture God speaks to each of us. Listen for the voice of God.

SCRIPTURE READING: Numbers 21:4–9

The word of God to us, God's people.

REFLECTION: "GOD'S LOVE"

****HYMN:** VU # 574 "Come, Let us Sing of a Wonderful Love."

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Public, Intentional, Explicit Inclusion

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

Beloved, we are invited to make a positive impact in God's world extending kindness and shining brightly.

****OFFERING HYMN:** MV # 182 "Grateful."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Giving God, we offer our gifts with gratitude. Help us to express compassion and to be a light for those who are hopeless. May our offering bring transformation for essential work in our communities of faith and globally filling the hungry with good things and satisfying the thirsty. As we share love and grace with those who need them most, fill us with your blessings. We pray this through Christ.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE