

3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures



Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

L: May God go with us from this place

P: And help us be born again each day, to faith and joy, love and hope, peace and justice.

L: May we be reminded to call on Jesus, for he is our Friend and Constant Companion

ALL: And may the Holy Spirit remind us throughout these Lenten days that we are loved.

CHORAL BLESSING (sung together)

Go now in peace never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true, know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe, reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. ccli#262153

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If you would like to become a member of Emmanuel United Church, we welcome you. Please talk to Rev. Sadekie.

**Completing the New Testament:
Week of March 12, 2017
2 Corinthians Chapters 1-3**

For your thoughts- What have I learnt from this text today and how can I apply this to my life? **DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AFTER THE READINGS?** Write them on a post it and place them on the poster board in **OTTAWA HALL**...Look for an answer to your question(s) on the board the following week.



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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**March 12, 2017
10:30 am**



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We are a Christian community gathered together to worship and celebrate God and to serve Him through Jesus Christ. Our church is accessible and welcoming to all persons for fellowship, learning, sharing and teaching. We strive to show our love through service to all humanity.

ORDER OF SERVICE
LENT 2
March 12, 2017

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: So I call us to a holy fast...and a holy feast in each day of this Lenten season ahead. Let us...
ALL: Fast from emphasis on differences and feast on the unity of life. Fast from hostility and feast on tenderness. Fast from anger and feast on empathy.

PROCESSION OF PINWHEELS

HYMN: VU108 Throughout These Lenten Days and Night (1, 2 & 5)

DRAMATIC READING
Psalm 121 (The Message)

HYMN: VU375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (1 & 4)

RESPONSIVE READING

John 3:1-5, 14-17 (Trans., Taylor Burton-Edwards)

Narrator: Now there was a person named Nicodemus sent from the Pharisees, who were religious leaders among the Jewish people. He came toward Jesus at night and said to him:

Congregation (Nicodemus): Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God, because no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God were with him.

Narrator: Jesus answered and said to him:
Jesus: Truly, truly tell you, unless you are born anew, you cannot see the kingdom of God.

Congregation: How can a person be born once old? We can't enter into the mother's womb a second time and be born!

Jesus: Truly, truly I tell you: Unless you are born of water and the Spirit, you cannot enter into the kingdom of God. And just as Moses lifted on high the serpent in the desert, so also must the Son of Humankind be lifted up, so that everyone believing in him should have eternal life.

All: This is how much God loved the world: God gave God's only--begotten son, so that everyone believing into him should not be destroyed, but should have eternal life.

Narrator: For God did not send the son into the world to condemn the world, but so the world might be saved through him.

Silence.

L: We are not alone, we live in God's world
All: We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. AMEN

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children will leave for Sunday School)

INVITATION TO GIVE:

L: The Bible speaks of sacrificial giving, and to that kind of giving we are called. In these Lenten days, let us offer not only our monetary gifts, but ourselves, into the hands of the one who gave himself for us.

OFFERTORY: Great is Thy Faithfulness (v1, 2)

DEDICATION:

ALL: Bless the gifts we offer. Bless all who continue to give. We give in faith, to bless those who will be touched, in turn. May this circle of blessings be pleasing in your sight, O God. Amen

HYMN: "Ancient Words" M. W. Smith (v1 & refrain)

1. Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. Oh, let the ancient words impart
Chorus: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you, we have come with open hearts. O let your ancient words impart.

SERMON: "Who You Gonna Call?"

PRAYER OF RESPONSE:

ALL: Available God, we acknowledge that we often go through difficult times alone, because we forfeit the option of calling on you. Help us to remember that your love is steadfast. Help us to seek you, when we have questions and remind us daily, that there is nothing that you will not do to ensure that we have an abundant life. Amen.

ANTHEM: "Everywhere I Go" by Sally DeFord

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

VU617 I Love You God, Who Heard My Cry
L: Accepting the freedom God gives us, we step out and away from every force that seeks to constrain love and justice in our own hearts, and we pray:
P: For all people kept in poverty or slavery, all who are in fear from abusers, terrorists, and oppressors, all who face addiction of any kind, and all who are targeted for unjust treatment because of who they are; Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Accepting the power God gives us, we speak and act with courage for the freedom and dignity of every human being and the good of all creation, and we pray:

P: For leaders in religious, political, economic, and social life; for our families, friends, and neighbors; and for all who work to sustain and protect our lives as military, civilian workers, and first responders; Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Freed and empowered by God to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in every form in which they present themselves, we band together as Christ's body seeking the deliverance of all people, and we pray:

P: For all who need your healing power, and for all who offer healing through their skill and presence; for all who have harmed us, and all whom we have harmed by our action or inaction; Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Lord God, hear our prayers for those among us who are in need - those whom we name before you now. My prayer is...
We ask these things through Jesus, our Saviour, Confidant, Counselor and our Lord.
ALL: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

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