

L: Help us to be a people that can see and discern your presence in the world. Open our eyes to your healing power and mercy. Change our hearts so that we experience the fullness of Christ's love and light.

**ALL: In Jesus name we pray. AMEN**

**CLOSING HYMN: Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

.1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise,  
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to trust his cleansing blood;  
and in simple faith to plunge me  
'neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]

3 Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking  
life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,  
precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend  
and I know that thou art with me,  
wilt be with me to the end. [Refrain]

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

L: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, trusting always that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are with you always.

**CHORAL BLESSING (sung together)**  
*Go Now In Peace please. ccli#262153*  
*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.*

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**Completing the New Testament:  
Week of March 26, 2017  
2 Corinthians Chapters 7-9**

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# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**March 26, 2017  
10:30 am**



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**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**Nicholas Morvay**

**MINISTER EMERITUS**  
**Rev. Dr. John Palmer**

**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 4**  
**March 26, 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 self-concern and feast on the compassion of others. Fast from discontent and feast on gratitude. Fast from bitterness and feast on forgiveness.**

**PROCESSION OF CANDLES**

**HYMN:** VU108 Throughout These Lenten Days and Night (1, 4 & 5)

(Children will come forward)

**DRAMATIC READING**

Ephesians 5:8-16 The Message (MSG)

**HYMN:** VU79 Arise, Your Light Is Come (v1, 4)

**RESPONSIVE READING**

John 9:1-12, 24-25, 35-41 Trans. by Taylor Burton-Edwards

Narrator: And going along, Jesus saw a person blind from birth. And his disciples asked him:

**Congregation: Rabbi, who sinned? What is this man himself or his parents that made him born blind?**

Jesus: Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God might be shown in it. I have to perform what I was sent here to perform while it is day. The night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Narrator: After he said these things, he spat upon the ground, made mud from the spit, and anointed the blind man's eyes with the mud.

Then he said to the blind man:

Jesus: Off with you now! Wash in the pool of Siloam.

Narrator: (in an aside) Siloam means "having been sent". (in a regular tone of voice) So he went away from there, and washed, and he came out of the water, seeing. Then his neighbors, and those who had seen him before because he was a beggar, said:

Choir: *Wasn't this man the one who sat and begged?*

Narrator: Others were saying:

**Congregation Left: Yes, he's the one!**

**Congregation Right: No, but he looks like him.**

Blind Man: It's me!

**Congregation: How were your eyes opened?**

Blind Man: A man called Jesus made mud, and he anointed my eyes, and he said to me, "Off with you. Go to Siloam and wash." So I went, and I washed, and I have new sight!

**Congregation: Where is that man?**

Blind man: I don't know.

Narrator: Later, some Pharisees called the man who used to be blind and said to him,

Choir: *Give glory to God! We know that the man who cured you is a sinner.*

Blind man: Whether he is a sinner, I don't know.

One thing I know. I was blind. Now I see.

Narrator: The religious leaders threw him out.

Jesus heard they had thrown him out. When Jesus found him, he said:

Jesus: Do you entrust your life to the Son of Man?

Blind man: And who is this, sir, that I may entrust my life to him?

Jesus: You have also seen him. It's the one speaking with you.

Blind man: I believe, Lord. (*Kneels prostrate before Jesus*)

Jesus: I have come into this world in judgment, that those not seeing may see, and those seeing may become blind.

Narrator: Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and they said,

**Congregation: We're not blind, are we?**

Jesus: If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now you say, "We see." Your sin remains.

*Silence*

L: We are not alone, we live in God's world

**All: We are called to be the Church to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**(Children will leave for Sunday School)**

**INVITATION TO GIVE:**

L: Trust means doing our part and turning over outcomes to God. May our gifts today symbolize a turning of our hearts and hands, trusting God to continue to transform the world in our efforts and through our gifts.

**OFFERTORY:** VU 541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**DEDICATION:**

**ALL: From these gifts may gratitude spring; serving as a reminder that the Lord is at work. Bless our giving and those who receive. AMEN**

**HYMN:** VU 371 Open my eyes (v 1-2)

**SERMON:** "In Whom Will You Trust?"

**PRAYER OF RESPONSE:**

**ALL: Lord Jesus, when we cannot see our way, when we feel the weight of our weaknesses, when we feel helpless. Let your words remind us of your presence, your love**

**and your strength. Keep us trusting your promises so that little can frighten or worry us. Amen**

**ANTHEM:** "Pour Over Me" by Stuart Townend

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** VU 356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom (v 1-2)

L: Merciful God, the world is full of doubt, judgment and despair. Yet, amidst this despondency, your light shines and brings new hope to all places. Open our eyes and restore our sight so that we may see the fullness of your vision for the world. We remember before you this day:

**P: People who are in want and do not have enough friendship or support...**

(Silence)

L: We remember before you this day:

**P: People who feel lonely or confused and lost in life...**

(Silence)

L: We remember before you this day:

**P: People whose minds are troubled by any addiction or oppression...**

(Silence)

L: We remember before you this day:

**P: All who suffer pain in body mind and spirit, the dying and those who grieve any kind of loss...**

(Silence)

L: We remember before you this day:

**P: Places where leaders are ruthless and greedy and laws are unjust and self-serving...**

(Silence)

L: We remember before you this day:

**P: Our families and friend: spouses, partners, parents, children, companions and co-workers.**

L: In particular we remember before you. My prayer is..



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