

**P: Stand by all those who are hungry or homeless, that they may not be tempted to despair. Keep those who are struggling with illness strong in their faith, so that they can lean on you through the tough times ahead.**

L: Lord God, hear our prayers for those among us who are in need - those whom we name before you now. My prayer is...

L: We ask these things through Jesus, our brother, our Saviour, and our Lord.

**P: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** VU652 Be Still My Soul

#### **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

L: Beloved of God, go now into the vast universe to be the people of God: Resist temptations that lead to destruction:

**P: We'll create more beauty.**

L: Resist temptations that lead to isolation:

**P: We'll reach out more to a world in need.**

L: Resist temptations based on false promises:

**P: We'll rest in the hope of God.**

L: Love creation:

**P: We'll rejoice in its balance and harmonies!**

L: And in all these things, let the Spirit of Christ fill and inspire all your deeds as you seek to be a faithful part of Christ's reconciling ministry. AMEN

#### **CHORAL BLESSING (sung together)**

**ALL: May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul. May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day. May God's countenance shine upon you And be gracious to you. May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place. ccli#262153**

Gathering, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2016-2017, pg 43, 59



### **Completing the New Testament: Week of March 5, 2017 1 Corinthians Chapters 14-16**

**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.



#### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday – Thursday  
1:30pm – 4:00pm**

**Friday 1:30pm - 6:00pm**

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# **EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**

**March 5, 2017  
10:30 am**



**MINISTER**  
**Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes**

**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  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 5, 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 worry and feast on trust in God. Fast from complaining and feast on appreciation. Fast from negatives and feast on affirmatives.**

**PROCESSION OF APPLES**

**HYMN: VU112 O God, How We Have Wander  
(Children will come forward)**

**CELEBRATING LIFE EVENTS**

(Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries)  
Birthday Song (tune Happy Birthday)  
Happy birthday to you, to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessings descend upon you.

Anniversary Song – Bind Us Together  
Bind them together Lord, bind them together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind them together Lord, bind them together Lord, bind them together with love.

(Persons are invited to come forward for a blessing)

**HYMN FOR BLESSING: VU 356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom**

**CONSECRATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**DRAMATIC READING**

*Tempted in Plenty*  
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (The Message)

**HYMN: VU115 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert**  
(v1, 4)

**RESPONSIVE READING**

*Tempted in Want*  
Matthew 4:1-11 *Trans. by Taylor Burton-Edwards*

**Narrator:** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He had fasted forty days and forty nights. After all that, he was hungry. The tempter said as he came toward him:

**Tempter:** If you are son of God, just speak the word so these stones may become loaves of bread.

**Reader 1:** But replying, he said,

**Cong: It is written: A person lives not by bread alone, but from every word proceeding from the mouth of God.**

**Narrator:** Then the devil takes him into the holy city, and stood him on the peak of the temple, and says to him:

**Tempter:** If you are son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written, "He has given commands to his angels about you, and they will bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against stone."

**Cong: Again, it is written, "You shall not test the Lord your God."**

**Narrator:** Again the devil takes him onto a very high mountain, and shows him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he says to him:  
**Tempter:** I will give all of these to you, if you'd but take the knee and worship me."

Narrator: Then Jesus says to him:

**Cong: Get out of here, Satan. For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and to him alone shall you give your service."**

Narrator: Then the devil leaves him be, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.

*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, to seek justice and resist evil. Amen**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

(Children will leave for Sunday School)

**OFFERTORY: VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God** (v1,2)

**ALL: Living stone, let our generosity in giving be a spiritual sacrifice that serves to build us up as it builds your kingdom. We ask it in Jesus name. Amen**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION: VU 662 Lead Me, God**

**SERMON: "Who's Your Boss?"**

**PRAYER OF RESPONSE:**

**ALL: Loving God, we acknowledge the things that tempt and are tempting to us, we own up to yielding to some of these temptations. Forgive us where our yielding led to sin and renew our ability to resist temptation in all its forms as Jesus did. Amen.**

**ANTHEM: "Lord, Be With Us On This Day"**  
by Jay Althouse

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

VU617 I Love You God, Who Heard My Cry

L: Lord who accompanies us, should this be a time in our lives when we feel alone - a time in which we feel oppressed by evil

**P: Help us to claim the blessings that you have prepared for us in the middle of our wilderness story.**

L: Lord we pray for all those who are faced with temptations or trials that seem too great for them. Sometimes we are tempted to want more than we need or to think we are better than others because we have more than them.

**P: Keep all your people strong in the face of temptation, teach us all to rely on you in these dark times, keep us humble and let your Word be our strength.**

L: Lord God, there are many among us who face barren times - wilderness times in their lives.

**P: Help us to minister your loving presence to them in those times so that they may come through the wilderness and enter the Promised Land. Help us to bring food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, shelter to the homeless, courage to those who faint, and hope to those who are tempted to despair. Lord, hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.**

L: Lord God, in this time of impending conflict between nations - this time when we are being tested to see if we will do justice as well as love mercy;

**P: We pray for guidance - and for your light to lead the way of the rulers of our nation and the nations about us. Helps us to choose you over worldly pursuits and choose love and forgiveness over hate and resentment.**

L: Lord, hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, March 8<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00pm.**



**Worship Committee**

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm.**



**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

There will be a meeting on **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm.**



**EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH APRONS**

There is an order form for these aprons posted in Ottawa Hall.

They are forest green, bib-style aprons with two pockets.

Emmanuel United Church is printed across the front.

The cost is \$18.00 which includes tax. Please pay when ordering. There is a minimum of 6 aprons required for the church to place an order.

Please see Irene Alexander.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>)**

Please remember next Saturday night before you go to bed to set your clocks one hour ahead.



**DONATION COLLECTION**

Thank you to everyone for contributing to the Canadian Civil Liberties collection during the Black History Month Service last Sunday.

Donations totaled almost \$454.00.

For more information on fighting for rights, freedoms and justice you can go to their website at: <https://ccla.org/>



**Happy Birthday during the Month of March to:**

- Mel Draper
- Zianne Forbes
- Ethan Harrop
- Katie Nanson
- Marlene Smit
- Bob Thibert

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO SHEILA & MEL DRAPER**



**DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH**