

WORD

Preparing to Listen to the Word
VU840 Thy Word is a Lamp Refrain 5

SCRIPTURES:

Mark 1:21-28

Last reader: These are words from the scriptures we love

CONG: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Chariot!"

THE MESSAGE: "He has come to deliver us"

Moment of Quiet Reflection

CLOSING HYMN: VU622 Your Hands,
O Christ

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

L: Go out, trusting in God's life-giving promises. May the grace, mercy and love of God, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: Amen

CHORAL BLESSING: 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

Resources adapted from Gathering,
Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2017-2018, pp39ff
& The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Black History Month

Black History Month Service Rehearsals

Choir will begin rehearsing for the Black History Month service this Tuesday at 7:00pm - 8:30pm. Anyone interested would be more than welcome to come. Notify Nick for any questions.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

"Fear Not: Introduction to Revelations"

Dates: Feb 11, 18 &
March 4, 11, 18

After service in East Parlour
11:50am-12:50pm
Bring a bag lunch

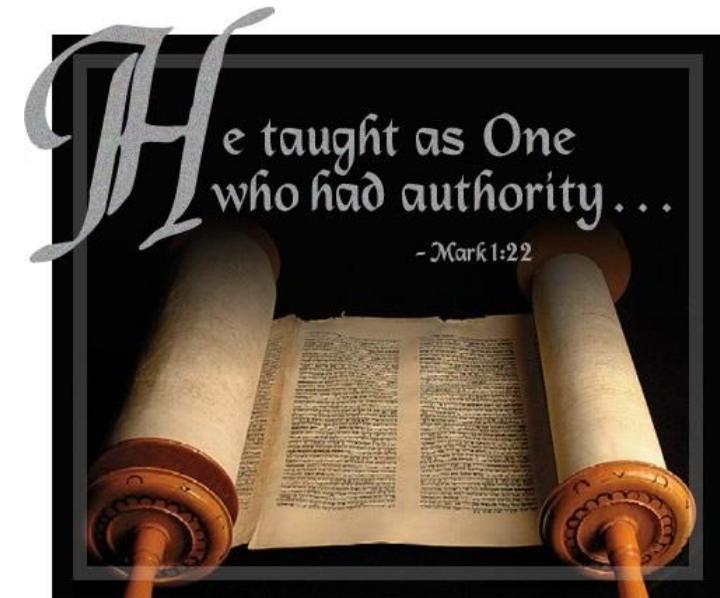


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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

January 28, 2018
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
January 28, 2017

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God calls us to seek justice,

P: So that Christ's love for the meek and hungry streams out through the church.

L: God calls us to seek kindness,

P: So that Christ's light can shine in all places of brokenness and despair.

L: God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit,

P: So we can be nourished for the work of the kingdom.

ALL: Called, blessed and inspired, let us worship our God together.

OPENING HYMN: VU 331 The Church's One Foundation

OPENING PRAYER

L: God of wisdom and blessing, on this day we come into the warmth of your presence. You are the wisdom behind all mystery, the sustenance in all that nourishes.

P: When our eyes are open and our spirits alert, we experience your glory around us. Scattered throughout the earth, smoldering deep within our beings, radiating in acts of love, sparks of your glory reside.

L: We gather with your people in worship to express our reverence, awe and praise.

We gather to celebrate the good we have experienced, knowing it all comes from your hand.

ALL: And yet, we are strangely resistant to your grace. We confess there are times when we hide from your glory. We forget that food for body and soul comes from your hand. We forget that all that is lovely, delightful, and good has its origin in you. We seek wisdom and meaning in the wrong places. There are even times when we are cruel, harming the earth, other living beings, and one another. Forgive us. Open our eyes. Stir us to wonder and reverence. Give us wisdom, and the courage to live by it. Fill us to overflowing with your love, so it may pour out into the world, bringing healing to broken places. Amen.

L: Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ, our lives are renewed in Him.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen!

CHILDREN'S HYMN: VU577 I've Got Peace Like a River

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN:

VU577 I've Got Peace Like a River

INVITATION TO GIVE

L: The offering we give each week sustains the ministry within our congregation and enable us to respond to the needs of our community. It helps support ministries beyond the local

congregation by reaching people who are in desperate need to feel the touch of Christ's love and reconciliation. Through our connectional giving, we have built a transforming gift for people within our reach and beyond.

THE OFFERTORY: VU 544 In Gratitude and Humble Trust

OFFERTORY DEDICATION

ALL: Take what we offer this morning as a sign of our readiness. Bless us in our eagerness to answer your call into the world. Bless us in our perseverance as we serve. Bless us in our faithfulness as we seek your face in others. Bless us as we live love and the work of our hands as we seek to make a difference in the world, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VU617 I Love You God, Who Heard My Cry

L: Holy God, Lord of heaven and earth, it is in you that we live and move and have our being. Your energy fills the cosmos and enlivens every cell of our bodies. You are around us, within us, and beyond us.

P: Thank you for the simple pleasures of each day, and for the strength to meet the challenges that arise. Thank you that when we come to the end of our own resources, you are there, to fill and replenish us.

L: Thank you for placing in us a desire to know and be known by you. Thank you for our growing awareness of your presence and for the deepening

understanding that comes through worship.

P: Thank you for the process of transformation by which we become more fully the people you created us to be. We are grateful for prayer in its many forms, for this intimate way of being in communion with you, and joining in your work.

L: Hear us now as we pray for the earth, this precious and fragile home to all living things: for declining species of plant or animal life; for the earth's climate; for our oceans.

P: Teach us how to be faithful stewards of your earth.

L: Hear us as we pray for the economy: for those whose decisions shape it; for employers; for workers and those who cannot find work; for those who have lost their jobs; for all who seek justice and fairness and who struggle to discern what this means in a complex world.

P: We pray for our own circle of family and friends. Heal, bless, lead, and encourage them. Grant to each one the particular gifts needed this day and lead them to a healthy, productive future.

L: We remember in prayer the people and congregations. Nurture their faith, inspire their hearts, and give them wisdom and renewed strength as they seek to serve you in ways that are authentic, faithful, and life-giving. Finally, we bring to you the cares and hopes we carry in our hearts today. My prayer is...

L: These things we pray in the name of Jesus.

ALL: AMEN



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