

Reflection: "Identity formation in the Wilderness"

Sung Prayer of Ascription: "Don't Be Afraid" MV#90 (2x)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering:

Offertory: VU#537

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share. Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

Offertory Blessing:

Communion Hymn: "All Who Hunger" VU#460

Sacrament of Holy Communion: *Please see the slides*
God is with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!...

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn: "Amazing Grace" VU#266

Benediction

Though life is full of temptation,
God will see us through.

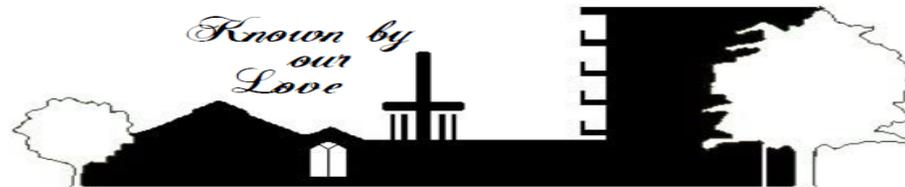
We rejoice in the one who strengthens us.

Though life is full of times of trial,
Christ walks with us every step of the way.

We rejoice in the one who shares our journey.

Choral Benediction:

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 God 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.



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*Emmanuel United Church shall be a caring,
welcoming faith community, nurturing
spiritual life and sharing God's love
and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.*

March 1, 2020 10:30am

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you are new to Emmanuel, we hope that you feel welcome and that your faith has been enriched through the worship today and that you may come again!

Please introduce yourself to our minister, Rev. Roni Beharry, & sign the Guest Book before you leave.

Rev. Roni EMERGENCY Contact: 1-416-271-5313

Please note that Rev. Roni is off Monday & Tuesday

A special thank you to all participants in today's service.

Ushers: Barb Maeck & Myrna Bennison

Communion Servers: JoAnne Livingstone; Denyse Leigh;

Nancy Lourie; Dalton Carmichael

Reader: Nancy Dixon

Coffee Fellowship: Barb & JoAnne Maeck

**Please join us for a time of fellowship, after our service,
in the Bert Passmore Hall.**

WE GATHER
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
“IDENTITY FORMATION IN THE WILDERNESS”
SUNDAY MARCH 1ST, 2020

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement:

“We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg people and, specifically, the Nipissing First Nation, the land they share with us as a result of the Robinson Huron Treaty. May we live in peace and friendship as a treaty people.”

Announcements

Greeting:

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Lenten Candle Liturgy: *Please see the slides*

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, a time of reflection when we are invited to live a more disciplined faith. ...

(The first Lenten Candle is extinguished)

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship:

Led, by the Spirit
into the wilderness,
where the evil of this world
entices us in our moment of vulnerability.
Help us resist that which tempts us to
stray from whom you call us to be.

As community we pray together:

Opening Prayer:

Guide us today, O God,
into a season of examination.
Show us the way of our ancestors of faith,
journeying, even wandering, boldly;
Remembering deliberately who they were and who we are.
Guide us inward to the Word felt in our hearts,

and outward to the Word heard on the lips of others.
Grant us a season of depth and courage, we pray. Amen.

Prayers Written by: Hans Holznagel, The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2019

Hymn: “There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy” VU#271

Prayer of Confession:

Your Word O God, declares us “your beloved”,
Yet, in the wilderness of life, we are tempted:
to find significance by our own accomplishments;
to give into the compulsion that we need to earn our worth;
we are tormented by the false truth, of not enough.
Yet in the quieter moments, we know that you are enough
and the affirmation that we are formed in your love,
sustains us the whole journey through.
Bless us with your Word, Amen.

Words of Assurance:

God’s grace is enough for us. We belong to God.
God declares us beloved.
The Spirit helps us to live out our identity.

Choral Assurance of Forgiveness: (2x)

How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed.

Time of Learning Together:

Lenten Prayer:

Hymn: “Jesus Tempted in the Desert” VU#115

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3:1-7

One: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.*

ALL: Glory to God, Amen.

Choir Anthem

New Testament: Matthew 4: 1-11

One: *This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!*

ALL: Glory to you O Christ.