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The First Sunday of Lent

We Gather with Praise

*(asterisk * indicates please stand as able)*

Prelude
As you listen to the music, take a few moments to center your mind on God who loves you. Open you heart to let God's Holy Spirit rise up within you.

***Opening Hymn: #112** "O God, How We Have Wandered"

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the name of Jesus, I invite you to come on a Lenten journey of deepening reflection and renewal.

People: Let us begin this journey with openness and faith.
Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Approach (unison)

Loving Father, Mother, God, as we worship today and every day of the season of Lent, open our hearts and minds to trust in your unconditional love. Give us the courage to face our mistakes and our sins, both individual and collective. Keep reminding us that Easter's resurrection comes as a new beginning at the end of our Lenten journey. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

The Life and Work of Christ's Church

Minute for Mission

A Conversation with our younger friends
"Lent, what's that?"

***Hymn #365** "Jesus Loves Me"

Young people and leaders may proceed out to Sunday school during last verse.

We Hear and Reflect on the Scripture

Scripture Readings: Mark 1 : 9 - 15

Psalm 51
(Paraphrased by Ralph Milton)

Wash us clean, Lord. Rub us down gently.

Smooth away my failures. To often, I have let you down. I have betrayed your trust in me, yet you continue to love me. Praise you, O God.

You warned us; you have every right to be angry.

I was born with the capacity to do both right and wrong. You created me human. My sins bring you pain. Jesus taught us about your pain.

New life starts inside us. Cleanse us from the inside out.

Scrub my spirit clean. Forgive my faults.

Create in us clean hearts and loving spirits, O God.

I want to be with you. Help me for I really want to be all that you created me to be, to bring you delight and joy. Enable me to teach others of your forgiveness and love. This is all you ask of me.

Reader: *These words are for our learning, and our life.*
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Ministry of Music

Message: "Do we really need a prayer of Confession?"
Rev. Janet Stobie preaching

***Hymn#117** "Jesus Christ is Waiting"

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of our Offering

*Offertory #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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Ritual of Ashes

Hymn#105 "Dust and Ashes Touch Our Face"

Prayer of Confession

We have heard the Psalmists words of confession. Now, as a first step on our Lenten journey, let us confess our sins. In this prayer there will be times of silence, when each one of us can think about the things we have done or not done that would have caused God pain. Let us pray.

Loving God,

we ask your forgiveness
for the times when we are too rushed and too tired to care.

for the times that we don't really listen to one another and the times when we act from motives other than love.

(silence)

Loving God,

Forgive us, our sins.

Forgiving God, we bring to you the numbness the keeps us from feeling the sufferings of others.

We have learned to live comfortably with the pictures and stories of injustice that we see on our televisions every day. We are truly sorry.

(silence)

Almighty God,

Forgive us

Gracious God, forgive us for our determination to judge others just because their ways are different from ours.

At times we are so sure our ways are the right way, that we lose sight of your love that is presence among us.

(silence)

Gracious God,

Forgive us.

Creator God, Our Bible tells us that as humans we have authority over our world,

Forgive us for abusing that authority. Forgive us for the destruction that we cause as individuals and as a society.

(silence)

Creator God,

Forgive us. We are sorry for all of our sins. Cleanse our hearts, and turn our minds to serving you as Jesus taught. Amen

BLESSING OF THE ASHES

Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. Out of the fire of our repentance you offer us forgiveness. We ask your blessing on these ashes. May they be you a sign of our human frailty, our rejection of temptation, our desire to begin a new life.

IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

You are invited to come forward if you wish, to receive the sign of the cross in ashes and oil, on your forehead or your hand as a symbol of your repentance and desire for new life.

As you come we will sing, "Kum Bah Yah"

Kum Bah Yah, my Lord, Kum Bah Yah,
Kum Bah Yah, my Lord, Kum Bah Yah,
Kum Bah Yah, my Lord, Kum Bah Yah,
O Lord, Kum Bah Yah

Someone's crying Lord, Kum Bah Yah,
Someone's crying Lord, Kum Bah Yah,
Someone's crying Lord, Kum Bah Yah,
O Lord, Kum Bah Yah

Someone's praying Lord, Kum Bah Yah,
Someone's praying Lord, Kum Bah Yah,
Someone's praying Lord, Kum Bah Yah,
O Lord, Kum Bah Yah

Someone's singing Lord, Kum Bah Yah,
Someone's singing Lord, Kum Bah Yah,
Someone's singing Lord, Kum Bah Yah,
O Lord, Kum Bah Yah

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn #266** "Amazing Grace"

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"I'm so glad we had this time together". Thank you, Cherubs and young people, for charming us with your song to end my last Sunday as your Retired Supply minister.

Thank you Choir and Abrahamse family for the beautiful music.
Thank you Glenda and all coworkers for the lovely lunch and cake for us all.
Thank you Beth and Choir for the beautiful and unique reindeer cross.
Thank you Linda for your always kind and gracious words, and your creative choice of gifts from the congregation: A lovely basket of local 'edibles' ; gift cards for more edibles (much appreciated, will share) and the beautiful set of Tom Thomson mugs.
Thank you to the whole congregation. It was my privilege to be able to respond to the call to be in ministry with you through this transitional time. May God's Spirit bless all you do and all you pray for in the time to come.

Rev. Jim Feairs

We THANK the Rev. Janet Stobie for leading us in worship this morning. Rev Stobie has brought her ministry of writing with her today. Her books will be displayed in the Friendship Room. One dollar from the sale of each book is given to the Mission and Service Fund.

There is coffee hour today. We THANK the Worship Committee for making the preparations for the month of March!

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Healing Pathway** weekly meeting at **Young's Point United Church**.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi in auditorium
1:00 p.m. Worship Committee meets in the Sunday school classroom
6:45 p.m. Lakefield Singers rehearse in the Friendship Room.
7:00 p.m. Seekers meet in the Friendship Room. All women welcome!

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
9:00 a.m. Morton Community Healthcare Centre meeting in Board Room.
7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Choir practice

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 – auditorium
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Got the winter blahs? Women of the church are arranging a drop-in in the Lakefield church auditorium from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
All (men & women) are invited to come and "catch up" with your church friends, have a coffee and chat!

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

"TRAVEL TALK!" at Lakefield United Church! (auditorium). All are invited for an interesting evening of travel to **ICELAND** without leaving Lakefield! (tour guide Kate Ramsay)

6:00 p.m. potluck supper

If you are coming to the TRAVEL NIGHT, please let Dick Crawford know so that enough beverage is prepared. Speak to Dick after church, call the church office 705 652 3126 (If you need a ride, please advise Dick Crawford)

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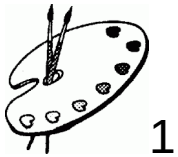
ART! MUSIC! DINNER!

Saturday, April 13, 2019



1:00 to 4:00 p.m. **Art Show & Sale**

Open to the public – free admission!

On display and for sale – over 100 pieces of original work by Lakefield area artists!

4:00 to 5:30 p.m. **Art Show & Sale reception with Wine & Cheese**

5:30 p.m. **Music Dinner Theatre**

Music Director – Vince Abrahamse

Tickets $25.00

In addition to 100% of the Wine & Cheese & Music Dinner Theatre proceeds, 25% of the art sale proceeds will be supporting the Lakefield U.C. Capital Campaign