

**GEORGE STREET
UNITED CHURCH
ROOTED IN THE ROCK:
TRANSFORMING FOR
TOMORROW**



March 1st, 2020

Lent 1 and Holy Communion

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Men's Choir: Directed by William Green.

*This Bulletin is donated in memory of
David Nightingale, March 5, 1946 - August 16, 2001,
from the family.*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Organ Prelude: *Pater noster (Our father), op. 50#2* **A. Foote**
Introit: *Tree of Life, Awesome Mystery* **M. Haugen**

Welcome and Announcements

***Call To Worship:**

ONE: Come, all you holy pilgrims, come up onto the paths of the Lord and learn to walk in righteousness and faith.
MANY: **Praise be to the God who goes before, the God who walks alongside and the God who dwells within. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Hymn:** **VU 559 *Come O Fount Of Every Blessing

Opening Prayer:

ONE: We find ourselves on this Lenten journey. A time of preparation. A time of fasting.
MANY: **As we hunger for bread and water we feel the pull of living water and the bread of life. Help us to be mindful of where your grace is found and how we can share it with others. Amen.**

***Sharing The Peace Of Christ:**

Hymn:** **VU 460 *All Who Hunger (Verses 1 and 2)

Celebrating The Sacrament Of Holy Communion

Hymn:** **VU 460 *All Who Hunger (Verse 3)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

MANY: Gracious and loving God, you reveal yourself to us through Creation, Christ Jesus, your only Begotten Son and, through the words of Holy Scripture. Open your words to us this day that in hearing we may understand and with understanding we may follow you into action. Amen.

Reading: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 Pg. 8, 9

Responsive Psalm: 32 VU pg. 759

Reading: Matthew 4: 1-11 Pg. 5

Anthem: *O Jesu Christ mein's Lebens Licht*
(Lord Jesus Christ My Life, My Light) J. S. Bach

Soloist: *Christa Chaplin*

Message: Tempted Rev. John Maich

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: VU 344 *How Sweet The Name . . .*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering:

ONE: The road ahead will be travelled at great cost and not every Pilgrim who finds the way is prepared to walk it to the end. We offer these gifts at the outset of our journey so that all who will join will have bread for the Journey. This morning's offering will be received.

Offertory Prelude: *Christe from Messa della Domenica*

G. Frescobaldi

***Hymn:** VU 540 *Grant Us, God, The Grace*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)**

MANY: We thank you Christ for the invitation to join you on your way. We ask that you use these gifts we bring to strengthen your body along the way. Bless these gifts and use these gifts to carry your people to the end. Amen.

***Hymn:** VU 665 *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour*

***BENEDICTION:**

ONE: As people of God you form a community of faith within The United Church of Canada

MANY: **Within this community of faith we are blessed and blessing.**

***COMMISSIONING (in unison):**

ONE: Go now and proclaim the good news of Christ's gospel.

MANY: **We will testify to God's creative caring and to the Spirit's empowerment and, encouragement of our community. We will use our many and varied gifts to reach out to our neighbours and embody God's love for them in the world.**

Vesper: *What'er May Vex or Grieve Thee* **J. S. Bach**

Organ Postlude: Adagio from Organ Concerto in Bb Major
G. F. Handel