



to WORSHIP

St. Paul's United Church

(Kindersley, Saskatchewan)

April 7th, 2024

Worship Leader: The Rev. Piotr Strzelecki VDM

Musician: Helen Barclay

*The Leader will read the parts in regular type.
Please join in the parts in **bold type**.*

WE GATHER AS PEOPLE OF THE STORY to reflect on POST-EASTER CHURCH

WELCOME TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH:

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit
be with you all
And also with you

CALL TO LENTEN JOURNEY:

When we are seeking,
God points out the path.

When others are searching,

God points out the path.

Our lives are often signposts:

people together on the Way.

Our words are waypoints:

people together on the Way.

Where Christ's story and our stories meet: **people together on the Way.**

Let us walk, roll, run, dance, hop, and live!

People—together on the Way!

*Richard Bott, Grace U.C., Burlington, Ont.
Gathering, L/E, 2024, p.42.
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WE ARE NOT ALONE:

The lighting of the Christ Candle ((Matthew 18:20/John 8:12)

WE SING:

“The Church's One Foundation” (VU# 331)

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear Creator God,

we are filled with trust in your guidance.

Nothing is possible without you.

Our life journeys continue

with you at our sides.

**Fears are scarce and worries few
when we trust your presence.**

Guide us to a place of comfort

when we feel forsaken and alone.

**Inspire us with hope
when we start believing**

that the world is becoming a bad place.

Let our confidence in your love

overcome our fears.

Your grace surrounds all people.

Your love benefits everyone.

**Your mercy is infinite.
Your compassion is unquestioning.**
Help us to reflect this understanding
to each other when doubt fills us.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*Mark Dutkoski, St. Andrew's U.C., DeWinton, Alta.
Gathering, L/E, 2024, p.43.
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CHOIR ANTHEM:

WE LEARN TOGETHER

(time for our younger brothers and sisters)

WE SING: "Like a Rock" (MV# 92)

WE LISTEN TO OUR STORY

Acts 4:32-35

(The believers shared everything in common)

This is the story of our faith.

***Faith of our ancestors,
faith that sustains us.***

SERMON:

WE SING: "The Church is Wherever..." (VU # 579)

*-- the offering and prayers
are brought forward --*

DEDICATION OF OFFERING:

**God of questions and answers,
of doubt and belief,
these gifts we bring are our response
to the queries about your way.**

**As you invite us to share
in all the mysteries of life, we give thanks that
you bless us continually.
Receive all that is presented:
assurances, questions, answers, blessings,
and longings.
May our gifts be a source
of new life in this world.
Amen.**

*Laura J. Turnbull, Pentiction, B.C.
Gathering, L/E, 2024, p.48.
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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

WE SING: "Draw the Circle Wide" (MV# 145)

***WE LEAVE INSPIRED,
CHANGED, CHALLENGED OR PUZZLED
BUT CONTINUING ON OUR STORY***

PASTORAL BLESSING:

... and may the blessing of God,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be with you now and always
Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

As you go from here, to share the Good News
with all those you will encounter, as you go from here ...
may the Peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.