



**to worship**

## **St. Paul's United Church**

(Kindersley, Saskatchewan)

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Worship Leader: The Rev. Piotr Strzelecki VDM

Musician: Helen Barclay

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

**We gather as people of the story**

**for LENT I**

**to reflect on**

**SERVICE**

**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:**

Lent is an opportunity for a spiritual spring cleaning,  
**a chance to take and air out our experiences and thoughts,**

time to consider them, organize them, and make decisions.

**What have we learned?**

**What is to be promoted or avoided?**

As we prepare to move into a time of new joys and new uncertainties,

**what can we use to rest firm in our faith?**

Let us worship together, in part because it strengthens our resolve

**to trust in God and live our lives in Christ.**

*Karen Boivin, Osgoode-Kars U.C., Ottawa, Ont.*

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## **WE ARE NOT ALONE:**

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

In times of struggle,

**Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.**

In times of wonder,

**Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.**

In times of anxious anticipation,

**Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.**

In this time and place, here and now, and in all the days of our lives,

**Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.**

As we continue to journey toward the cross, let the light of this Christ candle remind us of who we are and whose we are:

**struggling, wondering, and anxiously anticipating  
people of the Way.**

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## **WE BEGIN WITH PEBBLES NOT ASHES**

**WE SING:** “Throughout These Lenten...” (VU# 108)

### **WE LEARN TOGETHER**

*(time for our younger brothers and sisters)*

**WE SING:** “Like a Rock” (MV# 92)

### **WE LISTEN TO OUR STORY**

Genesis 16; 21  
*(Sara and Hagar - excerpts)*

*This is the story of our faith.  
**Faith of our ancestors,  
faith that sustains us.***

## **REFLECTION:**

### **WE REFLECT ON WHAT WE HEARD**

## **SERMON:**

**WE SING:** “We Are Pilgrims” (The Servant Song)  
(VU# 595)

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

## **DEDICATION OF OFFERING:**

“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit” (*John 12:25*).

**O Jesus, work in us so that we might live holy lives, bearing fruit for your coming kingdom.**

May we hold loosely to our wealth and to our mortal lives upon the earth.

**Through our offering this day, we seek to serve you and follow you.**

**May it be so, as we pray in your name.**

**Amen.**

*Taylor Croissant, Southminster U.C., Lethbridge, Alta.  
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## **PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

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

## **CHOIR ANTHEM:**

## **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.**