

# St. Paul's United Church

(Kindersley, Saskatchewan)

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Worship Leader: The Rev. Piotr Strzelecki VDM

Musician: Clayton Braybrook

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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 III

to reflect on

**MOTHERHOOD** 

# **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:**

#### **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 SING:** "Love Knocks and Waits" (MV# 94)

# **OPENING PRAYER:**

In our lives and in the world, we bear too much mourning.

We seek your presence, O God, to make our hearts new and sustain us in your love.

With setbacks and crushed expectations, we have known too much crying.

We crave your comfort, O God, to make our dreams new and refresh us in your love.

Despite our striving, our hoping, and even our praying, we feel too much pain.

We need your healing, O God, to make our souls new and strengthen us in your love.

Be with us, O God, and make us your people.

Wipe away our tears and renew us in your love, through our worship and in our lives. Amen.

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#### **WE LEARN TOGETHER**

(time for our younger brothers and sisters)

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

#### WE LISTEN TO OUR STORY

Exodus 1; 2; Numbers 26:59 (Jochebed - 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: "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" (MV# 138)

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

# **DEDICATION OF OFFERING:**

Loving God, we come before you today in humility, acknowledging the gifts you give us. We ask that you now receive our gifts, the fruits of our labours, our hands, and our hearts. May they be used to glorify your name. Amen.

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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.