

# St. Paul's United Church

(Kindersley, Saskatchewan)

March 17th, 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 V

to reflect on

**PEACEMAKING** 

# **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)

God's festival time of worship is here.

# We wish to encounter Jesus!

Come search for Jesus in scripture, in life experiences, by helping our world, in prayers of compassion and appreciation for each other.

# We seek to follow the Way, for God's love is in our midst.

Let me tell you a parable about Jesus' life:

He did not do what he did to serve his own needs.

He was like a grain of wheat planted in the ground.

# The festival time celebrates the harvest of God's holy love.

We come as we are:

Some of us with our lives broken open with reluctance and sorrow.

Some of us ready to journey beyond fear and confusion. Some of us willing to share the songs of gladness and hope.

As we encounter this man of sorrows, let us find our way of singing redemption's song.

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# **WE SING:**

"Put Peace Into Each Other's Hand"(MV# 173)

# **OPENING PRAYER:**

#### WE LEARN TOGETHER

(time for our younger brothers and sisters)

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

### WE LISTEN TO OUR STORY

1 Samuel 25:2-42 (Abigail - 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: "Peace for the Children" (MV# 149)

-- the offering and prayers are brought forward --

# **DEDICATION OF OFFERING:**

We dedicate our lives to you, loving and giving God. May our offerings, in whatever form, contribute to the healing of the world and the spreading of the gospel.

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.