

St. Paul's United Church, Dundas

February 22, 2026

Lent 1

Welcome/Announcements

Land Acknowledgement:

We gather with respect, recognizing we are on the traditional and treaty lands of the Anishinabek and Haudenosaunee peoples. This place is also connected to the histories of the Erie, Neutral, Wendat and Mississauga peoples.

We are called to care for these lands and waters through actions rooted in deep respect—for the earth and for each other—as an active part of our journey toward reconciliation.

Prelude: “Total Praise” – Richard Smallwood
arr. Mark Hayes

Lighting of the Christ Candle: (sung response) V.U. #121
“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” (*vs. 4*)

Opening Hymn: V.U. #111
“As the Sun with Longer Journey”

Call to Worship:

Friends in Christ

Lent is a time to prepare and to renew our life

We mark this holy season

**by acknowledging our need for repentance,
and for the mercy and forgiveness
proclaimed in the gospel.**

We are invited, in the name of Christ
to observe a holy Lent
**by self-examination and penitence
by prayer and fasting
by works of love
and by reading and meditating
on the Word of God.**

Opening Prayer:

**As we begin this Lenten journey, Loving God,
help us not to be distracted.**

**Slow our pace so we can see and hear the Holy
throughout our day.**

**As we contemplate Jesus' journey to Jerusalem,
let us be aware of the cycle of living, dying,
and rising again that unfolds by Your grace
in so many ways as we travel through life.
May we see in these unfoldings the signs of Your
promise of steadfast love and eternal life. Amen.**

Celebration time with the young at heart

Musical Offering: “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”
– Song of the Underground Railroad
arr. L. Larson Chancel Choir

Psalm #91: V.U. #808 “On Eagle's Wings”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Thoughts For Living: “The Voices We Listen To”

Hymn: V.U. #582 “There’s a Spirit in the Air” (*verses 1-5*)

Offering/Thanks

Sung Offertory: V.U. #149 (*vs 4*)

“When I Survey the Wonderous Cross”

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer: V.U. #960 (*Sung*)

Closing Hymn: V.U. #115 “Jesus Tempted in the Desert”

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction: “May You Run and Not Be Weary”

Postlude: Toccata on “We Shall Overcome” – Carl Haywood

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Winger
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Pastoral Care Minister: Rev. John Adeyemi
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Merrill Graham
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