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\*\* an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service  
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**Lent 2 Sunday– March 1, 2026**  
**10:00 am at Little Current United Church**

**WELCOME:** a special welcome to guests worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest book as you enter the sanctuary.

***Gathering & Prelude***  
***Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church***  
***We Approach God***

**Centering:**

**Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**

We gather this morning on land in Little Current. Before we spoke English on this land, we spoke French and called here Le Petit Courant. Before we spoke French here, we spoke Ojibwe, also known as Anishinaabemowin, and called here Waebijewung. Many names. Many peoples. Many generations. One place. In honour of all who have come before us, may we never forget history didn't begin with English here. There are more sacred stories. In hope of all the people after us, may we weave our lives with the peoples who call this place home.

We are all sacred people – beloved children of the Holy One.

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

We light this candle because it's important to do so even when we feel as if we are just going through the motions. We show up, even on days we don't feel like it, because we have chosen the Way of Jesus. We have chosen to honour God in little things and through the habits we cultivate day by day, week by week, like lighting the Christ candle. (+1) **Light the Christ Candle.**

**Call to Worship**

One: We come in worship, seeking God's guidance and love.

**All: May this time of worship full us with the Spirit, to restore our faith and our hope in God's presence.**

One: Although we are well-intended, we need God's Word to renew our direction and commitment.

**All: May this time of worship strengthen our hearts to follow God's way.**

2.

One: God calls us to support each other and draw on the example of those who went before.

**All: May this time of worship comfort us with the truth of God's love throughout the ages.**

One: In Worship, let us welcome God into our hearts.

**All: In worship, let us affirm our love of God and God's love for us. (+2)**

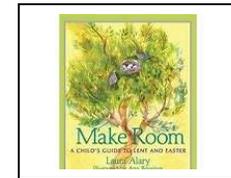
**Invocation (unison)**

God of all love, we travel up and down the daily routines in our lives, and we know you are with us. We ask you to open our hearts, minds, and spirits to embrace your loving presence in this worship time today, so that we may go out and share your love in the ups and downs of our daily routines. (+3)

**Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" VU 288**

**Learning for All Ages**

**Make Room**  
by Laura Alary  
Next Chapter



**Listening**

**Hymn of Illumination (MV 115)**

***Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)***

***I make all things new,***

***Beginning with you and starting from today.***

***Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)***

***I make all things new,***

***My promise is true, for I am Christ the way***

**HOLY SCRIPTURES**

**John 3:1-17 (Nicodemus learns that 'God so loved the world.')**

**Romans 4:1-5, [6-12] 13-17 [18-25] (Romans 4:1-25) (God's grace)**

May God's spirit shape our understanding of these words.

**And may they awaken in our hearts**

3.

**SERMON:** “God loves everyone. No ifs or buts.”

**Learning Hymn:** “*Seek Ye First the Kingdom*” VU 356

**M4M – Your Generosity Matters.**

**Grandmothers Leading In Love**

**Responding to the Word**

**Invitation to Commitment:**

Belief isn't only a thought in the Bible. It is a life-style. It is choosing to do the next right thing over and over again. It is thought, and action, belief and mindset. So let us combine our words and actions, our thoughts and perspectives, so together our belief in the world Christ proclaims manifests today - now. Let earth be as it is in Heaven. And let us be creators with God to create that now. We'll commit resources, time, prayer, intentions, and Lent practices to God.

*(The offerings will now be brought forward)*

**\*\*Offertory Hymn:** (VU 542)

***We give you but your own,  
what e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
we give it gratefully.***

**Prayer of Commitment** (unison)

**Take and use these offerings, Faithful God! Take and use us, Stalwart God! Like Abraham and Sarah, we trust you to work across time, across generations, across the world to lead us to the Promised Land where all are whole, well, and at peace. Let it be so. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** *(inspired by events in Genesis 12-18)*

Long before the change of name,  
before the first signs of new life  
showed the beginnings of promises fulfilled,  
You asked Abram to make his home among foreigners,  
and share the blessing that was to come.

4.

And now, O God, you ask the same faith of us:  
The faith to count ourselves among the least,  
to find our place alongside the poor and broken;  
The faith to trust in your mercy and your promises,  
and to share what we have received;  
The faith to wait expectantly for your reign of justice and equity,  
together with those who most need its gifts.

Teach us to be children of Abram, sharers of the blessings we enjoy:

The blessing of plenty shared with those who have need,  
The blessing of healing shared with those who are sick and wounded,  
The blessing of joy shared with those who celebrate  
and of tears shared with those who grieve,  
The blessing of friendship shared with those who are excluded,  
and of solidarity with those who fight injustice,  
The blessing of peace shared with those in conflict,  
and of confrontation shared with those who bring harm;  
And in some small way, may our faith and our sharing,  
help to bring your promises into being  
in our world.

So we pray today for...

And we trust, dear God, you shall dazzle us with your faithfulness and love. In Jesus' holy name we pray saying... *(+4)*

**....'Our Mother/Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever.' AMEN**

**Going Forth Into The World**

**\*Hymn for New Week:**

**MV 161**

***“ I Have Called You By Your Name”***

5.

**Benediction & Carrying out the Light:**

So now we leave this space of worship  
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,  
the path constantly changing,  
we know some things that are as solid and sure  
as the ground beneath our feet, and the sky above our heads.  
We know God is love.  
We know Christ's light endures.  
We know the Holy Spirit this there,  
found in the space between all things,  
closer to us than our next breath,  
binding us to each other, until we meet we again,  
Go in peace. (+1)

*Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts*

**Choral Benediction:** MV 221 I Am Walking a Path of Peace

*I am walking a path of peace, (3X)  
Lead me home, lead me home.*

**Go now in the peace of Christ!**



**Sources Resourced:**

- (+1) - Christine LeBlanc, *Gathering page 28, LE 2026*
- (+2) - Fill Le Fevre, *Gathering page 29, LE 2026*
- (+3) - Kate Gregory *Gathering page 29, LE 2026*
- (+4) ~ Revised from John van de Laar and posted on Sacredise.  
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- (+5) - Rev. Nora Vedress, *Calvary UC, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada.*



***Little Current United Church PC***

***Welcome***



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**“Lent 2”**

**March 1, 2026**

Hymns for March 1, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1 288 VU Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand has provided –  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!***

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain...**

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. **Refrain.**

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#2 356 VU “Seek Ye First the Kingdom”

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and God’s righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.

3. We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.

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#3 MV 161 “I Have Called You by Your Name”

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen;  
you are mine.

2. I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name,  
speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus’ body given long ago.

3. I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation’s ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out,  
choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus’ robe, then let it go.

4. I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

