

Sunday, 10 am – March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent

* indicates stand as able

We Gather to Worship God

Gathering Music: (singalong) Thy Word – Grant & Smith

Chorus:

Thy Word

is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

Verse 1:

When I feel afraid,

think I've lost my way

Still You're there right beside me

Nothing will I fear

as long as you are near

Please be near me to the end

Verse 2:

I will not forget

your love for me and yet,

my heart forever is wandering

so Jesus be my guide,

and hold me to Your side

And I will love You to the end CCLI license # 11199365

**Processional Hymn:* Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12

Lighting of Christ Candle: Acolyte: Connor Fowler

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

(Psalm 119:105)

Welcome and Greeting/ The Life, Work and Mission of the Church

**Call to Worship:*¹

Come join us in this sanctuary,

Where people come to praise God.

Come join us in this sanctuary,

Where people look for quiet and comfort.

Come join us in this sanctuary,

Where people come for wisdom and healing.

Come, God is with us. Let us worship.

We come to be with God.

Lenten Psalm: Psalm 119 (Refrain 1) VU 838-839, parts 1&2

Moment of Silent Reflection

*Words of Assurance*²

God's promise to us is a clean heart, a new and right spirit, and because of this, we will rejoice in the presence of the holy; we will dance in the light of God's overwhelming forgiveness. **Amen**

Time for the Young at Heart: Erin Berard

* *Hymn:* Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New MV 115

(Youth and Children may leave for programme)

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination (together)

God of the Scripture, may your Word grant us courage and conviction to listen and to act. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

In this passage, the prophet Jeremiah, prophesies about a new covenant that God will make with the people. Rather than laws written in stone, God will write those laws on our hearts so that we will always remember them. They will be an integral part of who we are.

May the Light of Christ dwell where the Word is spoken.

Thanks be to God!

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Ministry of Music: (Grace Notes) If You Search - Schram
Accompanist - Marion Routledge

Sermon: "Written on Your Heart"

*Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79

We Respond in Faith

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering and Offertory Music: (Grace Notes) Gathered in the Love of Christ – Haugen adapt. from Pachelbel's Canon in D

GATHERED IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Text: Marty Haugen

Music: Marty Haugen
adapt. from Pachelbel's *Canon in D*

Gath-ered in the love of Christ, we are
one in the fam-'ly of God. We are the
dwell-ing place that love has made. We are
formed to be good-ness and light in the world.

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*Presentation of Offering and Offertory Hymn: Were the Whole Realm - VU 149 (vs. 4)

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Offertory Prayer: ³

**God, you gave us the gift of the law.
Then you gave us the gift of your son.
We offer thanks, through the sharing of these gifts
That they may witness to the world our faith in your Kin-dom to
come. Amen**

We Depart in Peace

*Hymn: Deep in Our Hearts MV 154

*Sending Forth:⁴

With the imprint of God's covenant upon you,
You are sent out in the name of God.
Forgiven, loved, freed.
Go in peace to serve with all God has given you.
And the people say
AMEN!

Departing Music: Create in Me a Clean Heart – Keith Green

Please proceed to the Main Hall for refreshment and fellowship.

Thanks to Those Assisting with Today's Service:

Greeter/Ushers: Bob Boynton, Bill Wilson, David Stafford
Welcome Information Centre: Nora McGee
Reader: Alison Bridgewater
Refreshments: Jeff Stoate & Doug Jones
Sound System: Neil Lowes

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