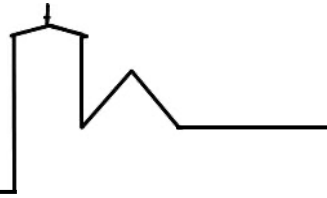


# THE SEASON OF LENT

**Westminster Presbyterian**

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## GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

### THE PREPARATION

**If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee**

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**Wer Nur den Lieben Gott**

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### WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Light has entered our world; rejoice!

Light is God's gift to each and to all together.

**ALL: Give thanks to God for day of watchful care.**

**The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

ONE: Let those whom God has redeemed rejoice!

Let them tell the world of God's good news!

**ALL: We will thank God for wonderful works.**

**We will rejoice in God's love for all mankind.**

ONE: By God's word, we are delivered from destruction.

By God's mercy, we are healed and made whole.

**ALL: Our voices will join in songs of joy.**

**Our lives will offer sacrifices of thanksgiving.**

### OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN 461

**God is Here!**

*Abbott's Leigh*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Healing God, we are sick through our sinful ways. We are impatient, complaining, and troubled. We love the night because it hides the evil we have done and the doubt that shows on our faces. By our self-indulgent habits, we are destroying ourselves and depriving others. As a church, we seem content to be dead in our trespasses, for we are afraid to embrace the changes that come with the new life you offer. We cry out to you in our trouble. Save us from our distress. Amen.**

*Lord, in your mercy...*

**Hear our prayers.**

### TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

# KYRIE

**Lord, Have Mercy**

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) B<sup>b</sup> (A) C (D) F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) C (D/F<sup>#</sup>) F/A (F<sup>#</sup>m) Am (G) B<sup>b</sup> (A) (Bm) C Dm

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) B<sup>b</sup> (D) F (A) (Bm) C Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A) (Dsus) C Fsus (D) F

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### HEARING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Numbers 21:4-9

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

**\*PSALM 107** (*see insert*)

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians 2:1-10

**GOSPEL:** John 3:14-21

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

**SERMON:**

**“Coming to The Light”**

**Rev. Tim Mitchell**

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**HYMN 394**

**There is a Balm in Gilead**

*Balm in Gilead*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

*(A New Creed)*

*United Church of Canada*

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*May the peace of Christ be with you.      And also with you.*

**THE GIFT OF MUSIC**

**Create in Me a Clean Heart (Psalm 51:10-13)**

*Carl Mueller*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Create in me a clean heart, O God!*



**SEALING THE WORD**

**INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS**

*In your mercy...*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**(UNISON) OUR 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

**CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*HYMN 282**

**If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee**

*Wer Nur Den  
Lieben Gott*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Toccata on Aus der Tiefe/Heinlein**  
*(Forty Days and Forty Nights)*

*Christopher Tambling*

Leading in worship today:

**The Rev. Tim Mitchell**

**Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster**

**The Westminster Quartet:**

**Amira Suddique, soprano · Kate Kortemeier, alto**

**J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · David Kortemeier, baritone**



Open Minds

Open Hands

Open Hearts

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