



**Pilgrim**  
Uniting Church

8.00am  
Morning Eucharist

Sunday, 17th March 2019

Lent 2  
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WELCOME and GREETING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the stillness of the morning,

God comes to us, keeping company with us.

**In this place, we find ourselves surrounded by God's presence.**

Let us worship God who is our light, our strength, and our salvation.

**When our confidence is in God of whom shall we be afraid?**

One thing we ask of God, one thing we seek:

to live in the house of God all the days of our lives.

**That we may behold the beauty of God in creation**

**- and in one another.**

One thing we ask of God, one thing we seek - to trust the ways of God.

**That we may know God's goodness and strength all the days of our lives.**



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HYMN: TiS 547      Be thou my vision

PSALM FOR THE DAY: Psalm 27

The music is SLANE, of Irish folk origin. It was on Slane Hill around 433 AD that St. Patrick defied a royal edict by lighting candles on Easter Eve. High King Logaire of Tara had decreed that no one could light a fire before Logaire began the pagan spring festival by lighting a fire on Tara Hill. Logaire was so impressed by Patrick's devotion that, despite his defiance (or perhaps because of it), he let him continue his missionary work. The rest is history. The High King imagery recalls that St. Patrick refused to follow the High King Logaire, but choosing instead the "High King of Heaven".

#### PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have heard the call to Christ's labour  
**But struggle to bring comfort and healing; trust eludes us.**

We know our calling to bring peace,  
**but lack courage and are quick to protect ourselves.**

We remember those who are hungry  
**yet fail to bring hope.**

We long to bring love and compassion  
**but we are tired and drained;**

We know justice and caring is the only day's work  
**but we are overwhelmed.**

**Hear us, holy one, as we confess our frailty and failings.**

*Silent prayers of confession*

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our citizenship is in heaven.  
Christ will transform our humiliation.  
Stand firm, for we are not rejected—  
we are forgiven and beloved.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of grace, open our spirits to hear your call;  
open our hearts to receive your love;  
open our mouths to speak your word.  
**May we trust your wisdom and seek your guidance  
as we hear your words of truth. Amen.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Here, at this Table, the gifts of the bread and the cup are offered.  
Pour out your Spirit of healing and hope, O God.  
Feed us with the food of heaven which can make us whole once more,  
so we can go to serve all.  
Nourish us with the cup of life and transform our hesitating faith  
that we may grow into the likeness of Christ. **Amen.**

The bread of life, the cup of compassion.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

*The communion is shared.*

#### Prayer after Communion

God of grace, you renew us at your table  
with the bread of life and the cup of compassion.  
May this strengthen us in love and help us  
to serve you as we serve each other.  
Calm the worries and fears of our hearts,  
so we might be bearers of your peace;  
fill our emptiness with the Bread of life,  
so we might feed the hungry around us;  
cool our thirst with the cup of grace,  
so we might reach out to all who travel through the desert of life.  
We pray in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN: TiS 531      Sent forth by God's blessing

#### WORDS OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

The love of God is never confined to this sacred place.

*Candles are extinguished*

We carry the light and the love of Christ with us into our day.  
As you continue the Lenten journey, this day and the days ahead,  
may you be blessed with the presence and guidance of God  
filled with the perseverance and compassion of Jesus Christ  
and strengthened with the power and vitality of the Holy Spirit.  
God's peace be with you. **And also with you!**

*The peace is exchanged*

*Everyone is invited to stay for a light continental breakfast following this  
service.*

**May we hear your word for us; may we walk in your ways;  
may we know your peace. Amen.**

We see the hope that lies among us, that we could care  
and live in community with each other and the world.  
Give life to this hope in us, God of community.  
We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.  
Now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

### THE INVITATION

We come in anticipation, perhaps out of habit,  
perhaps scarred by the pain of life,  
perhaps with a deep sense of unworthiness.  
But nevertheless, we come in hope.  
Christ meets us at this table in the name of God  
who embraces us and names us as beloved.  
**All are welcome here and Christ is our host!**

### THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise.  
You are holy, God of Abraham and Sarah.  
In the life of Jesus Christ, you revealed the breadth and depth of your  
love for us.  
When he could have stumbled over distrust and disregard,  
he called us to follow him into your promises.  
When rejection could have weakened his faith,  
he grew strong in his commitment to deny himself.  
When he could have remained silent, he declared your salvation to all.  
When he could have hidden his face in fear, he turned towards  
Jerusalem,  
going to his death and into the grave, that you might give life to all.  
And so, with all the company of heaven and earth  
we rejoice before you and praise your holy name saying:

BIBLE READINGS:       Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1  
                                  Luke 13: 31–35

## REFLECTION

HYMN: TIS 261       Lord, you are the light of life to me

*During the singing of this hymn we will receive our offering for the work  
of the church in the world.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring our gifts to you, Gracious God, in gratitude and hope.  
Dedicating them, we dedicate ourselves again to be your people in the  
world.  
May the strength and enabling power of the Spirit of Jesus abide in us,  
in everything we do and say. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

Merciful God,  
we pray for your people in all the world:  
those who are sick...  
those who are hungry and thirsty...  
those without clothing or home...  
those in prison...  
the outsiders.  
In the silence, Lord,  
**may the longings of our hearts convict us...**

We who are numbered among  
the powerful and the rich of the world pray for ourselves;  
**Call us to your right ways.  
Call us to justice and goodness.  
Call us to humility and peace.**

We pray for our Governments – Local, State and Federal;  
we pray for compassionate, just,  
and honest government throughout our country.  
We pray for the Uniting Church – President, Deidre,  
and for our Moderator Sue.  
May they continue to lead us in your ways.  
In the silence, Lord,  
**may the longings of our hearts convict us...**

We name in our hearts  
those whom we love,  
and would love more...  
In the silence, Lord,  
**may the longings of our hearts compel us...**  
In the silence, Lord,  
**may the compassion of your heart save us...**