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February 25, 2018

Lent 2

ORDER OF SERVICE

WE GATHER

Silent Prayer and Preparation
Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn 405** – *New Every Morning*

* Opening Words: (*responsive*)

Rise up in heart and mind to bless your God.

We open our minds and hearts to God's spirit.

We are here to praise God and receive a blessing.

We have come because God has called us.

God welcomes each person and offers renewal.

We are inspired to be followers of Jesus.

Let us worship God.

* **Introit:** *VU 121:2*

**In our call to be a blessing,
may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do,
Christ as Lord of all we do.**
(Congregation may be seated.)

Prayer of Approach: (*in unison*)

**Generous God,
your love embraces the sinner
and challenges the self-righteous.
Enable us to hear the call of discipleship,
trusting not in our worthiness
but in the healing love of Jesus Christ.**

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**Spirit of the Living God,
write your Word on the tablets of our hearts,
that we may be your letter to the world,
showing forth the good news of Jesus Christ
who taught us to pray as we sing ...**

The Prayer of Jesus: *VU 959 (sung)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as 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.**

Choir Anthem: *"The Wonder of His Love"* - *D. Wagner*

WE LISTEN

Bible Readings: (*on page 6 of the bulletin*)

Responsive Psalm 103 - *VU pg. 825* - *Trudy Pickersgill*

Mark 2: 13-22

Sermon

WE GIVE THANKS

* **Hymn 460** – *All Who Hunger*

Offering

Choir Anthem: *"Carry the Light"* - *S. Pethel*

* Offertory Response: *VU 544*

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.**

**O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

* Prayer of Dedication: *(in unison)*

**Loving God, we give you thanks
for the light of the world in your Son.
Receive the gifts we offer in union with Christ,
and bless the work of our hands
as we reach out in your name.
May all your people feast
at the banquet table of your love,
made possible in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Celebrating Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: *(responsive)*

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.

Let us pray ...

... we sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

... all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

Distribution

*(The grape juice is in the centre of each tray.
Please eat and drink as you are served.)*

WE GO FORTH

* **Closing Hymn 416** – *Forth in Your Name, O Christ*

* Benediction

* Choral Blessing: *MV 224*

**May the God of Peace and of all good,
may the God of Peace and of all good,
be always with you. Amen!
May God’s peace be with you. Amen!**

Postlude *(The congregation is invited to hear the postlude in silence.)*

WELCOME

We welcome all who worship with us today, but especially our guests. We would like to have a chance to meet our visitors. Please sign the guest book at the main entrance doors and introduce yourself to the greeter in the foyer or to the minister. After worship, the congregation visits over refreshments in the lower hall and we hope you will join us.

If you would like the minister to call on you, please contact the church office (905 892-6433); the church office is open Tuesday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Assisted Hearing Devices are available at the back of the sanctuary for improved sound. Please feel free to ask an usher for a headset. As well, large print copies of the hymns are available at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to use them during the service.

Ushers: Ralph Watters and John McGregor

Counters: Fran Dennis and Dora Drennan

Announcements

A New Discussion Group begins today and will run for the five weeks of Lent. Everyone is invited to come and view the video and join in the discussion. It features Richard Rhor on “An Alternative Orthodoxy.”

Annual Reports – If you have not yet picked up your copy, please check your mail slots.

Thank you – A generous donation was made last year to the choir fund in memory of John Ritchie, with which we recently purchased a large amount of wonderful new choir anthems from Fonthill Baptist Church.

Taize Services will be held every Wednesday at 6:30 pm at Fenwick United Church for the 7 weeks through Lent. These are quiet, meditative services to reflect on the meaning of the season as we approach Easter. Everyone is invited to attend.

The World Day of Prayer Service will be held this Friday March 2 at 2:00 pm at Kirk-on-the-Hill Presbyterian Church, Fonthill. The service was written by the women of Suriname, “All God’s creation is good.” Everyone is welcome to attend.

Choralis Camerata will present “Gilbert & Sullivan Highlights” on Saturday March 24 at 7:30 pm at St. Andrew’s United Church in Niagara Falls. Tickets: adults \$28, seniors \$25. Call 905-646-9225.

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The Week Ahead at Fonthill United

Mon.	Feb 26	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Tues.	Feb 27	9:00 am	Badminton
		9:00 am	Quilting
		3:00 pm	Music Lessons
		5:00 pm	Niagara Presbytery Meeting
		6:00 pm	A Cappella Niagara Practice
Wed.	Feb 28	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Committee Mtg.
		3:00 pm	Music Lessons
		6:30 pm	Cubs & Beavers
Thurs.	March 1	9:00 am	Badminton
		9:30 am	Quilting
		3:00 pm	Music Lessons
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:30 pm	Tai Chi
Fri.	March 2	2:00 pm	World Day of Prayer at Kirk-on-the-Hill Presbyterian
Sun.	March 4	9:30 am	Worship Service – LENT 3
		11:00 am	Discussion Group
		2:00 pm	Friendship Group to Pt. Colborne

Minister: Garry van Bruchem
Music Director: William Outred
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