



Peninsula United Church

Sunday, March 17, 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Our Purpose

***We are called to follow the way of Jesus, open ourselves to the Spirit,
and make known God's transforming love.***

(indicates times when all who are able are asked to stand)*

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome to the 2nd Sunday of Lent. Lent is a time of preparing for the great celebration of Easter. It always begins with a journey into the desert, a traditional symbol and metaphor for the journey of our lives. Jan Richardson says, *"It is never quite the same path from year to year, never precisely the landscape we explored the last time around. This is part of the point of the season of Lent: it disrupts what is comfortable, familiar, and known, that we may be startled out of our customary ways of seeing"*.



For this reason, the sanctuary looks different this Lent than in previous years. Let us journey together into the wilderness to discover the grace that is waiting for us in this rocky and barren terrain.

Highlights of Our Life and Work

Land Acknowledgment

We gather to worship on the unceded traditional territory of the Semiahmoo and Tsawwassen Peoples. We give thanks to the Creator for the abundance of this land and the generosity of our neighbours who share it with us.

Call to Worship and Lighting the Christ Candle

After God freed the Israelites from bondage in Egypt, God led them through the wilderness in a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night, so they might travel by day and by night. (*Exodus 13: 21-22*)

We light this candle to remind us of the light of Christ shining in our wilderness, guiding us in our journey toward God's reign of peace and wholeness.

Hymn – “Be Still and Know” – MV 77

Opening Prayer

*Hymn – “God of Still Waiting” – MV 20

We Listen

Psalm 27 – VU p.754

Sung Refrain: **The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust. (repeat)**

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Gospel: Luke 13: 31-35

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Anthem – “Be Thou My Vision” – Arr. John Rutter

We Respond

Minute for Mission

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings

If you are visiting with us today do not feel obligated to make a financial offering. Your presence with us is gift enough.

*Offertory – “For the Gift of Creation” – VU 538

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn – “Bless Now, O God, the Journey” – VU 633

We Go

*Blessing

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

We give thanks this week for:

Worship Leader:	Rev. Janice Young
Café Church:	Rev. Bruce McAndless-Davis
Music Ministry:	Denice Grant, Angela Chu
Ushers:	Peter Jones, Dawn McWilliam
Greeters:	Ernie & Jackie Hoflin
Reader:	Peter Jones
Minute for Mission:	Barbara Gregg
Prayers of the People:	Colleen Dean
Guest Book:	Pat Anderson
Flowers:	Flower Committee
Audio Visual:	Teri Lydiard
Coffee Hosts:	Val MacMillan, Kathy Booth
Offering Counters:	Debbie Pearson, Joan Strutt

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Church Office Hours:

Monday and Friday – 9:00 am to 12 noon
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 9am to 3pm

ThirdSpace Café Drop-in:

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HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Please let us know if you require help hearing the service

Stewardship Seconds

Focusing on the needs of others reduces our own fearlessness.

This Week's Activities: (* = weekly events)

Tuesday, March 19 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Council Meeting – 7 pm – Crescent Site, Narthex

*Sit 'n' Stitch – 7 – 9 pm – ThirdSpace (1381 George St.)

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Wednesday, March 20

*Men's Coffee – 10 am – Danica's Bistro – 1959 152 St (Windsor Sq.)

*The Third Café – 10 am – ThirdSpace (1381 George St.)

Sacred Writer's Group – 1 pm – Crescent Site, Library

*Wednesday Worship – 1:30 pm tea/coffee; 2 pm service – Sunnyside Site

*Choir – 7 pm – Crescent Site, Sanctuary

*Entering the Silence – 7 pm – ThirdSpace (1381 George St.)

Conscious Connections – 7 pm – ThirdSpace (1381 George St.)

Thursday, March 21

*Centering Prayer – 7:30 am – Crescent Site

Lenten Book Study – 9 am – Sunnyside Site, Narthex

Lenten Lunch – 12 to 1 pm - Mount Olive Lutheran (2350 148 St)

Friday, March 22

*Encore Pilates – 9:30 am – Crescent Site, Narthex

*The Third Café – 10 am – ThirdSpace (1381 George St.)

Sunday, March 24 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

*Sunday Worship – 10 am - Crescent Site

*Café Church – 10 am – ThirdSpace (1381 George St.)