



Peninsula **United** Church

Sunday, March 15, 2020
3rd Sunday in Lent

Our Purpose

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

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome

Highlights of Our Life & Work

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship: **Enter the Story**

Solo:

Enter. ... Enter the story.
Enter the place you belong,
not just looking on.
For this is your story.
Enter the story.

All:

**Enter. ... Come enter the story.
Enter the place you belong,
not just looking on.
For this is your story.
Enter the story.**

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Opening Prayer

(words attributed to 13th C. English bishop, Richard of Chichester)

**Loving God, day by day, throughout this Lenten season
may we know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
and follow Thee more nearly. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession:

"If I Have Been the Source of Pain O God" – MV 76

Assurance of Grace

Whenever we feel paralyzed by fear, we are embraced by Holy Love.
(*cross your hands over your heart*)

Dwelling in the Heart of the Beloved

we are forgiven and free to live more fully and creatively.

Be glad and rejoice! Let your life be a witness to Love's way.

Sung Response – "Take O Take Me As I Am" – MV 85

We Listen

Gospel: John 3: 1 – 12

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Practicing Gratitude: The Examen Prayer

Anthem – "The Lord is My Shepherd" *by Robert Lau*

We Respond

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Offering

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

Offertory – "God of the Sparrow" VU 229 verses 1 – 4

(The offering is brought forward during verse 4)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Sung Lord's Prayer – VU 959

Hymn – "Be Thou My Vision" VU 642 (verses 1, 2, 4)

We Go

Blessing

Passing the Peace

(Place your hand over your heart as you share the Peace of Christ with your neighbour)

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Postlude

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We give thanks this week for.

Worship Leader:	Rev. Bruce McAndless-Davis
Café Church:	Rev. Janice Young
Music Ministry:	Denice Grant, Angela Chu
Ushers:	Dick & Pat Logie
Greeters:	Sharon Birney, Norma Janzen
Reader:	Debbie Pearson
Minute for Mission:	Lorna Klohn
Guest Book:	Pat Anderson
Flowers:	Flower Committee
Audio-Visual:	Teri Lydiard
Coffee Hosts:	Val MacMillan, Kathy Booth
Offering Counters:	Debbie Pearson, Joan Strutt

This place where we live is a gift from God and it is the traditional territory of the Semiahmoo and Tsawwassen First Nations. They have lived here and cared for this land for thousands of years. We thank the Creator for the abundance of this land and the generosity of our neighbours who share it with us.

Stewardship Seconds:

Stewardship begins in spiritual formation: God's love poured into thirsty hearts keeps us alive during wilderness experiences.



HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Please let us know if you require help hearing the service.

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Church Office Hours:

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

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Wednesdays & Fridays 10 am – 12:30 pm

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

Monday, March 16

The Universal Christ Book Study – 7 pm – Crescent Site, Narthex

Tuesday, March 17

Peninsula UCW – 12 noon – Sunnyside Site

Strategic Leadership Team – 6 pm Dinner – Crescent Site, Flex Room

*Sit & Stitch – 7 pm – ThirdSpace (1381 George St.)

Wednesday, March 18

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

*Conversation Café – 10:30 am – ThirdSpace (1381 George St.)

*Ukulele Ensemble – 6 pm – Crescent Site, Sanctuary

*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 19

*Centering Prayer – 7:30 am – Crescent Site, Sanctuary

Lenten Lunch – 12 noon – Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church (15262 Pacific Ave.)

Sabbatical Planning Meeting – 2 pm – Sunnyside Site, Meeting Room

The Universal Christ Book Study – 2 pm – ThirdSpace (1381 George St.)

Friday, March 20

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

*The Third Cafe – 10 am – Thirdspace (1381 George St.)

Sunday, March 22 – 4th Sunday of Lent

*Sunday Worship with Communion – 10 am – Crescent Site

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

Newcomer's Lunch – after the service at the Crescent Site