

Fenwick United Church

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Sunday, February 18, 2018

Lent 1

Mission Statement:

To be an inclusive faith community in Fenwick,
practising the teachings of Jesus

* *Indicates please stand, if able*

We Gather As a People of God

The Prelude

Words of Welcome

Announcements and Parish Concerns

The Lighting of the Christ Candle and Entrance of the Word

The Invitation to Lenten Discipline

* **Hymn 223** "Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing"

* **Call to Worship:** (*responsively*)

Friends in Christ,

Lent is a time to prepare and to renew our life.

We mark this holy season

by acknowledging our need for repentance,

and for the mercy and forgiveness

proclaimed in the gospel.

We are invited, in the name of Christ,

to observe a holy Lent

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**by self-examination and penitence,
by prayer and fasting, by works of love,
and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.**

* **Prayer of Approach:** (*in unison*)

**Creating God, still Centre of the world you have made,
we come to you in this season of turning and returning.
We do not know how to seek you with our whole hearts,
but we know you are our source and our destiny.
In the midst of life, we return to you, we turn toward you.
We thank you that you receive even the broken heart,
the troubled conscience, the conflicted spirit. Amen.**

Conversation with the children

Prayer

Hymn 585 "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

We Listen for God's Word

First Lesson: Genesis 9: 8-17 (God makes a covenant with his people)

Responsive Psalm 25 – VU pg. 752 (sung refrain #2)

Reader: Roma Koeman

Choir Anthem: "I Went Down to the Valley to Pray"

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1: 9-15 (The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus)

Sermon: "Don't Get Too Comfortable"

* **Hymn 371** "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

The Service of the Table

The Offering: We bring our gifts to the Table

* **Presentation of the Offering:** VU 538

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,

and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,

we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.

May your grace be proclaimed

by the gifts that we give.

* Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
God Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.
You brought all things into being
and called them good ...

Therefore, with your people in all ages
and the whole company of heaven,
we join together in the song of unending praise, saying:

**All: 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.**

One: Truly holy are you,
and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
On the night his disciples betrayed and deserted him
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (sung – VU 960)

The Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

Invitation to the Table

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

We Go Out to Serve

* **Closing Hymn 507** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

* Commissioning and Benediction

* **Choral Benediction:** “May the God of Peace” (MV 224)

(Sung 3 times: 1.Leader 2.Choir 3.All)

**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

We thank Cathy Sturt for providing the music for our worship today.

Prayer List

Let us pray for Knox Pastoral Charge, Ayr in Erie Presbytery on the Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle this week, and all those in the Fenwick congregation in need of prayer.

The Life and Work of the Congregation

Welcome to worship at Fenwick United Church. We welcome our guests, and pray that our worship time together will be a time of strengthening of spirit for the work of the week ahead. Please sign our guest book at the doors to the sanctuary and join us for refreshments and conversation in the church hall following the service.

Our hosts: Stewardship & Communication and
M&P Committees

Greeting you: Nelda Cook and Peter Baker

Children's Ministry Leader: Linda Sharpe-Pietras

This Week at Fenwick United Church:

Tues. Feb 20	10:00 am	Men's Group
	11:00 am	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Wed. Feb 21	6:30 pm	Taize Service
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice

Announcements



Happy Birthday to all our February Birthdays. We will be celebrating today with cake and good wishes.

The Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday February 25, followed by a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share. Dishes, cutlery and beverages will be provided. Hope that you can join us.

Taize Services will be held every Wednesday at 6:30 pm 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 join us.

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

An Interfaith Dialogue Event will be held this afternoon at 2 pm at Wesley United Church in Welland. It will feature Rev. Dr. Brian Brown who will speak on *Faith Relations, the Challenge of the Next Decade*. Dr. Brown has published the scriptures of 7 of the world's great religions. His challenge to the church in Canada's increasingly pluralistic society is to maintain the integrity of our Christian witness while engaging in faithful dialogue with our neighbours of other faiths. In the 21st century, faith relations will be as important as race relations.



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