

**Welcome To**  
**St. Martin's United Church**

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**March 11, 2018**

**Lent 4**

**In the spirit of reconciliation let us acknowledge our relationship with the Indigenous people of this land.**

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**We acknowledge that we are gathering for worship on the traditional lands of the First Nations and the homeland of the Metis.**

**We are all Treaty people bound by the understandings in the agreement known as Treaty Six.**

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# **Community News**

# **Extinguishing the 4<sup>th</sup> Lenten Candle and Sung Response**

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**“Don’t Be Afraid” MV 90**

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**We are travelling the journey of lent**

**a time for reflection,**

**a time for confession,**

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**a time of yearning for the light of Christ.**

**Today we ponder what it means to be**

**called out of failure by love:**

**to find the courage to live for the other,**

**as much as for ourselves.**

**We acknowledge our desire to live in harmony with all  
and to follow in the Way of Jesus.**

**The Way is challenging and our will is tentative.**

**We extinguish a candle on this fourth Sunday of Lent  
aware of the struggle between our best selves  
and our lesser selves;  
and our need for God's action in our lives.**

# **“Don’t Be Afraid” MV #90**

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# **Invitation to Worship and Opening Prayer**



**Lent is a time to prepare and renew  
our spirits for living with the Christ.**

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**During this time of worship we pray that  
God would know our hearts,  
even as we strive to know the heart of God.  
Let us 'prepare' by examining ourselves;  
and let us 'renew' by engaging in acts of love and  
justice.**

**Let us pray...**

**In this season of Lent**

**we return to the Way of Jesus.**

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**It is a path into the uncharted territory of love;  
it is a confrontation with failures,  
and the resurgence of hope eternal.**

**God of the desert, let it be your bread we eat.**

**God of the wilderness, let it be your world we  
serve. For Love's sake. Amen.**

# **“God of the Bible”**

## **MV#28 (vs. 1-2 & 4-5)**

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**Children and youth are invited  
downstairs....**

# **Prayers of the People and Sung Lords Prayer VU 959**

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**Our Mother/Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

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**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 for ever.**

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# Offering Our Gifts

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# **“Give Thanks”**

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# **Listening for God's Word**

**Romans 5: 18-21**

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**Luke 19: 1-9**

**18 Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. 19 For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification<sup>[a]</sup> leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2 A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.”**

**6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” 8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” 9 Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.**

**Reflection on Concepts of  
Salvation and Atonement**

# **Response to the Reading**

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# “Amazing Grace”

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## VU#266 (vs. 1-3)

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# **“May The Grace Of Christ Attend Us”**

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**Thanks for coming, have a good week!**

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