

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lent 5 – Sunday, March 18th. 2018

*You are invited to stand, if able – **Please say, sing or pray together words in bold.**

PRELUDE

Sarah Svendsen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favoured!**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING WORDS

Into our comfortable ways, O God. **Breathe vigorous reflection.** Into our ordered ways, O God. **Breathe lively innovation.** Into all our lives, O God. **Breathe renewal and hope.**

***HYMN:** MV#30 “It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker” RUTH DUCK

OPENING PRAYER

WE WELCOME AS NEW MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

Westerley & Riza Da Silva and Ethel Lyte

...Let us pledge to these persons our love, support & prayer:

As your sisters and brothers in Christ, we welcome you into our fellowship with thanksgiving and celebration. We promise to love, encourage and support you and to hold you in our prayers. With God’s help, we will be together faithful servants of Jesus and his church.

HYMN: #365 “Jesus Loves Me” JESUS LOVES ME

Collier’s Kids are invited to gather as the hymn is sung.

TIME WITH COLLIER’S KIDS

After prayer, the children may join their Helpers for Collier’s Kids.

HYMN: #601 “The Church of Christ in Every Age” (v. 3) WAREHAM

OFFERINGS AND CARE CARDS

MUSIC DURING OFFERING: (insert) “Give Me That Old Time Religion” Jesus Walk

***SUNG DEDICATION:** MV#191 “What Can I Do?”

What Can I do? What can I bring? What Can I say? What Can I sing? I’ll sing with joy. I’ll say a prayer. I’ll bring my love. I’ll do my share.

*OFFERING PRAYER

We seek God’s blessing on our gifts. **We will experience God’s blessing as compassionate needs are met, as the distressed are supported, as the lonely find a friend, and as the call of justice is heard. Amen.**

READING FROM THE BIBLE: 1 Corinthians 1:18-19, 12:12, 18 Derryl Johnston

This is the Holy Word, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Surely He Hath Born Our Grievs” from the Messiah G.F. Handel

BIBLE STUDY: “What the Church is NOT?” Hewitt Holmes

THE NEW CREED (VU, pg. 918)

HYMN: #567 “Will You Come and Follow Me” (v. 1) KELVINGROVE

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (from VU, pg. 916)

***HYMN:** MV#145 “Draw the Circle Wide” GORDON LIGHT

*COMMISSIONING

Are you ready to follow the challenging way of Jesus the Christ? **This week, we will try and be the people who follow Jesus’ ways in the world!**

***SENDING CHORUS:** “Go Now in Peace” N. Price/D. Besig

Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE Sarah Svendsen

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