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# March 19th, 2023

 Lent 4

 **WE GATHER**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Acknowledging Our Kinship**

One:For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on their traditional territory and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. Help us to become better neighbours so that we might live together in better ways.

**All: For we are all kin in Christ, “All My Relations” with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.**

**Extinguishing the Light**

Called into the wilderness, into the place of searching and temptation…how will we find our way out?

**God’s grace is always available to us, even in the shadow places. God’s grace covers our shame.**

Let us journey through the shadows toward the light.

(3rd Candle is extinguished)

**Sung Response** - “Throughout these Lenten Days” - 108 VU verse 4 only

**Call To Worship**

L: Once you lived in darkness.
**P: Now the light of God has shone upon us.**
L: Find what is pleasing to God and follow God’s ways.
**P: The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God’s light.**
L: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.
**P: Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation. AMEN.**

**Gathering Hymn -** Open My Eyes, That I May See - 371 VU

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

**Young at Heart**

**Hymn - I, the Lord of Sea and Sky - 509 VU**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading -**

1 Samuel 16:1-13, John 9: 1-41

**Meditation - *Shepherd or Sheep, Leader or Follower?***

**Hymn - Just As I Am - 508 VU**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering Hymn - Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow - 541 VU**

 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

 praise God, all creatures high and low;

 give thanks to God in love made known:

 Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

**Offering Prayer**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn - Amazing Grace - 266 VU**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Lord, give us such sight, that we may see the many ways of serving you by helping others. Help us bring sight to others who dwell in deep darkness. AMEN.**

## Announcements

***Upcoming***

**March 20- Art Guild-7pm-9pm**

**March 23 – Lenten Meditations 10:30am**

**March 23-Euchre 1:30pm**

** Lenten Meditations will take place every Thursday morning throughout Lent at 10:30am and will take about a half hour. Come and enjoy a period of quiet reflection and renewal. All are welcome.**

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