



**Westminster United Church
Worship Service for March 10, 2019**

Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Santoshan Dharampaul
Lent 2

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalms 80:1-3

One: "Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come *and* save us. Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved."

✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" (VU 121 vss 4&5)**

OPENING PRAYER: Mark 8:38

One: "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

SHARING THE PEACE

✠OPENING HYMN: **"To Abraham and Sarah" (VU634-)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION : Isaiah 31:1-3

One: "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because *they are* many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! Yet He also *is* wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back His words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. Now the Egyptians *are* men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together."

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Romans 1:16

One: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"Listen, God is calling" (MV 97 2X)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Philemon 1:4&5

One: "I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers. Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints".

"The Lord's Prayer" (Spoken)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: **Acts 2:27**

One "Because thou wilt not leave my soul in Hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."

ANTHEM: "**The Least of These**"

MEDITATION: "**Commander of Ravens**"

†HYMN: "**Be Thou My Vision**" (VU 642)

MINUTES FOR MISSION: "**Glorybound Ministries Report**"

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERTORY:

†DOXOLOGY: "**Grant Us God the Grace**" (VU540)

†DEDICATION:

All: God, please help us to have confidence in all the ways

We offer ourselves for the work of the Church.

Continue to show us what is needed,

Where we can serve

And how all this may be live giving for each of us

And everyone whose lives we touch.

God, may our offerings of time, talent and treasure nourish our roots,
that the fruits of the Spirit in the world may be plentiful as the stars

And vast as a great river.

Please bless our offerings today.

in Jesus', name. Amen.

A NEW CREED: **Sung**

†CLOSING HYMN: "**O, Jesus Christ May Grateful Hymns Be Rising**" (VU 329)

†COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION: **2 Timothy 1:8**

One: "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God".

A JOURNEY WITH JESUS: A LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY (*Gathering-adapted*)

One: As we continue our Lenten journey, we see more of Jesus' life. We see times when he was angry and hurting, and he cried out to God and to those around him. We, too, find ourselves angry, hurting, and needing to lament at times. It is in those very times that we remember Jesus and the God who never tired of laments (or ours), but rather provided understanding and a way through difficulty.

Extinguish the second candle

Announcements

Help us keep the air we share healthy and fragrance-free. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. Please do not wear perfume, cologne, aftershave and other fragrances.

The Peace Candle is lit as a reminder to Christians to pray for and work for world peace.

Message from Anna Marie regarding Spring Newsletter:

"It's almost spring (thank goodness) and it is time for our Spring Newsletter. I am asking for contributions for this newsletter.

If you have anything you would like to submit, please email it to me at annah@telusplanet.net, you could give it to me in person, or leave it in my mailbox on the ramp.

I generally take stories, cartoons, inspirational quotes, or maybe your favourite recipe.....whatever you would like to share with the people of Westminster.

The deadline for contributions is March 18th. Thanks for helping me put together the newsletter! "

Be sure to mark your calendar for the "**Lunch at FAM Event**" coming soon. FAM will be hosting lunch at noon on the first 4 Tuesdays in April, serving soup, dessert & a beverage for only \$5.00. Gluten free options will be available. This is a fundraiser for the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter

"Raising the Roof in Song" – coffee house style entertainment in Taylor Hall with many popular local talents performing on Friday, April 5, 7:00pm at St John's Presbyterian Church (504-2 St SE). Free will offering to help offset the costs of Taylor Hall roof repairs. Refreshments & snacks provided.

Irvine Spring Supper at Peace United Church will be held on Sunday April 7th. There will be two seatings: 4:30 & 6pm. Fare will include Ham, sausage and perogies. There will also be a silent auction and bake sale. Tickets for Adults are \$17.00 and \$10.00 for children. To purchase tickets call: 403 527-0206.

St. Barnabas Anglican Church is hosting a Lenten Silent retreat on Saturday, March 23rd. The retreat will begin at 8:45 in The Hall and finish at 3:00pm. Lunch is provided. It is requested a Bible and something to write on be brought. Registration deadline is Monday, March 18. Please call Lynne at (403) 526-7713 with and questions. The cost is \$15.00.

Living the Questions 2.0 Progressive Faith Study has resumed at Fifth Avenue United. Please join us for any or all sessions!

Wednesday Feb. 27, and Tuesday March 5, 12, 19, and 26, from 7:00 to 8:30 in the Memorial-Salem Room (library/lounge).

Each weekly 20-minute DVD features several of 30 interesting and diverse religion leaders on a specific theme, followed by discussion.

Drinks and snacks are also available. Sample topics are "Evil, Suffering & A God of Love" (Feb 27) and "Honoring Creation" (March 26),

Changes to Food Bank Sunday: you will have the opportunity to donate cash to the local Food Bank as an alternative to bringing in food donations. A separate envelope will be

passed around during the offering and if you wish you may add any amount and it will be forwarded to the Food Bank on your behalf.

Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction Fundraiser on March 22nd at 6pm. Tickets are \$25.00 with a \$20.00 tax receipt and are available at the FAM office(403)-526-2237

Celebrate Music VI will be held on April 14th hosted by Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church at 7pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available from Stone Furs, FAM office, Proceeds go to the Tower Restoration Fund.

Lenten Mid-Week Services will begin March 6th on Ash Wednesday until April 10th. All services begin at 7 p.m. at the Following Host Congregations:

March 6 (Ash Wednesday)	St. Barnabas Anglican 635 4th Street S.E.	Rev. Dave Pollard
March 13	St. Peter Lutheran 758 8th Street S.E.	Rev. Jeff Lackie
March 20	Fifth Avenue Memorial 476 4th Street S.E.	Rev. Shane Hein
March 27	St. John's Presbyterian 504 2nd Street S.E.	Rev. Jeff Decelle
April 3	Westminster United 101 6th Street S.E.	Rev. Oz Lorentzen
April 10	Unity Lutheran 599 12th Street N.W.	Rev. Kristy Reimers- Loader

March and April editions of "The Upper Room" are available on the ramp.

Donations at Coffee Time for March are allocated to Haitian Coffee

Please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and fellowship!

Assisting with the Service This Morning

<i>Elder-in-Charge:</i>	Arlea Harper
<i>Greeters:</i>	Sandra McDonald
<i>Minutes for Mission</i>	Donna Scharf
<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	Albina Jackson, Joyce Scott & Jean Pfeifer
<i>Sound</i>	Melanie Rattai
<i>PowerPoint Operator</i>	Kathy Nielsen
<i>Wheelchair Lift Operator</i>	Pat Evans