



**Date: March 1, 2026**  
**Lent 2**  
**Theme: God's Dream**

**Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon**  
**Musician: Linda Kneeland**  
**Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie or Nora Nixon**  
**(\*: Please, stand if you are able.)**

## **Musical Prelude**

## **Greetings**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Response: And also with you.**

## **Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)**

- **40 days of Giving:** Stettler, Big Valley and Erskine United Churches are asking their congregations to make a donation on each day of Lent. The contributions will be presented and blessed on Easter Sunday. The "vessel" can be (sock, glass jar, pretty box) anything you like. The donations will be given to a global crisis (to be determined ~ Eg: Ukraine conflict)
- **Sing Along with Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living: A Reflection on Food as Spiritual Practice.** You may purchase the devotional Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living, have a daily devotion and gather at the church at 1 on Fridays for 6 weeks for spiritual talk. Friday gatherings also include sing along and video presentation of The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath, the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, about food and spiritual life. **The third gathering will be at Stettler United Church on March 6 at 1 pm.**
- **Palm Sunday:** March 29 (Joint Worship Service at 10 am at Stettler United Church)
- **Holy Week:** March 29 ~ April 4
- **Good Friday Service:** at Erskine United Church on April 3 at 10 am

- **Easter Sunday Service:** at Big Valley United Church at 9 am and at Stettler United Church at 11 am on April 5

## **Acknowledgement of Territory**

**All: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.**

*Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB*

## **Call to Worship**

You enter into this place wondering where you will be taken this time around on the Lenten journey.

**Yet we know that it is a safe place, a place of comfort.**

You also know that this is a place of transformation. Yet you return.

**Transformation is precisely who we are as a church. We are not afraid.**

How can you be so certain?

**We've travelled this path before. We know what it takes when times get tough.**

You'll be challenged, questioned, backed into a corner...

**But we will never be alone.**

Praise be to God!

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*Éric Hébert-Daly, Executive Minister, Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. Gathering, Lent Easter 2026, 28. Used with Permission.*

## **Light the Christ Candle**

We light this candle because it's important to do so even when we feel as if we are just going through the motions.

**We show up, even on days we don't feel like it, because we have chosen the Way of Jesus. We have chosen to honour**

**God in the little things and through the habits we cultivate day by day, week by week, like lighting the Christ candle.**

*Christine LeBlanc, East End United Regional Ministry, Toronto, Ont. Gathering, Lent Easter 2025-2026, 28. Used with Permission.*

**\*Hymn *Morning Has Broken* VU#409**

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**Opening Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

God whose gift is grace: by anointing us with your grace, you reveal to us the ways we can change this world by proclaiming your Good News.

**Yet instead of embracing this call, sometimes we fear its impact on our lives.**

Your news of an extravagant love that knows no limits directly challenges this world's vision of profit and loss.

**May your grace fill us, so we may rise to this challenge, our fears gone, and proclaim God is with us! Amen.**

*Sandy Ferguson, Strathearn U.C., Edmonton, Alta. Gathering, Lent Easter 2026, 31. Used with Permission.*

**Scripture Readings: Linda Kneeland**

***Genesis 12:1-4a:* God calls Abram to be a blessing.**

***Romans 4:13-17:* The promise of God rests on grace.**

***John 3:1-17:* Nicodemus learns that "God so loved the world."**

**Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon**

**Invitation for Offering**

**\*Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***

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## **Offering Prayer**

**All: Generous God, we offer to you a portion of what you have given us: gifts of time, of talent, and of treasure, gifts that care for those of us too often on the margins, gifts to support our partners overseas and within Canada, gifts that seem small, but that have large effects in Jesus' name. Bless what we give for your purposes in the world, we pray. Amen.**

*Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, Ont. Gathering, Advent Christmas Epiphany 2025-2026, 33. Used with Permission.*

## **\*Hymn *I Have Called You by Your Name* MV#161**

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## **\*Commissioning and Benediction**

## **\*Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

## **Postlude**