

Sunday, February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent

Singing our Song of Faith in Extraordinary times!



*Memories of fun and fellowship at Cliff Ave...
(Ladies Bible Study Group 2010)*

CLIFF AVENUE UNITED CHURCH

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Gathering Music: "Hymn of Praise"

by Gaither Vocal Band

<https://youtu.be/kivDxslYLPs>

Call to Worship

Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way, where meeting Christ, our guide

and light, we live in hope till Easter Day. Let us worship God this day.

Opening Prayer

God of Love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray Amen.

Opening Hymn: "I Will Follow"

by Chris Tomlin

https://youtu.be/h3Q_NWYNySY

Prayer of Unburdening

We bear the silence, cross and pain of human burdens, human strife. We lay them down here as we unburden and pray. Hear the prayers of the people (a time of silent prayer). Amen

Words of Assurance

Words of Assurance: Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing and shout hosannas! Raise the strain! For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings on Easter Day will rise again!

A Minute for Mission

<https://united-church.ca/stories/when-roof-more-roof>

Scripture Readings: Psalm 22:23-31

<https://www.cliffavechurch.com/service-bulletins/pages/sunday-service-recordings>

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor

the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow
down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.
Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For

those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Response: For the Living Word **We sing Praise!**

Hymn: "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

Voices United # 100

<https://youtu.be/ooHrGu2S5KU>

Love Letter from Rev. Jen

<https://www.cliffavechurch.com/service-bulletins/pages/sunday-service-recordings>

Reflective Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

by John L Bell

<https://youtu.be/o469PRLdbHU>

Offering and Prayers of the People

We offer these gifts of our time, treasures and talents to the work of the church here and now. Take these gifts and our lives and use them to for the sake of the gospel in the world . Amen.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against

us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Sending Forth

Go into these Lenten days seeking to return to the Lord with all your heart. Go into the world to love and serve.

The Peace:

May the Peace of Christ be with you. And as you leave this time and place of worship, may you go into the world to be a peacemaker and a peacekeeper.

Sung Blessing "The Blessing Namibia"

In May 2020, about 25 singers and musicians got together in Namibia to produce the Namibian version of the world acclaimed song 'The Blessing'. Under the musical direction of Ponti Dikuaa and Executive Producer Hilda Basson Namundjebo, Namibians sang and rapped together in five different Namibians languages, pronouncing a blessing over Namibia - the country with one of the worlds most beautiful flags, and which boundaries look like a hand turned upside down. Special thanks to the leadership of Koi International Centre, Every Nation Dorado, Golden Tak from Bethel Lutheran Church, Collective Choir, the Namibia Tourism Board - today we are proud to launch 'The Blessing Namibia', a nation under God.

<https://youtu.be/XV6mAprlQG0>