

CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

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We Gather As God's People

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: The light of understanding, the light of compassion, the light of community are all represented by the light that shines out from this candle.

All: Let that light illuminate our lives, our worship, and our way forward as we gather as God's people.

Introit: #4 [MV] *All Who Are Thirsty*

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship:

One: From the coldest nights of winter to the first signs of spring,

All: we come to be transformed!

One: Just as Jesus' ministry changed throughout his life,

All: we come to be transformed!

One: As we prepare to turn away from all those things that would turn us from the path to the kingdom of God,

All: we come to be transformed!

One: Then let's sing together with all creation,

All: we come to be transformed!

Hymn: #578 [VU] *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

Opening Prayer

One: God touches the world,

All: and the world changes.

One: God touches us,

All: and we're transformed.

One: In the brightness of day,

All: in the deepest part of night,

One: on mountain,

All: in valley,

One: everywhere.

All: In this time, together, we invite you, O God, to open our hearts to the transformation of our lives and of the world.

One: And through the change –

All: Let us know your presence with us. We worship you, O God. Alleluia! Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #585 [VU] *Jesus Bids Us Shine*

Time With The Young and the Young-at-Heart

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

One: Bless the words we're about to hear, O God, preserved for generations that we may know your will for us.

All: May the stories we hear and the teaching we receive from them guide our lives in the days ahead. Amen.

Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2 (#725)

Matthew 17:1-9

Reflection

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn: *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (on screen)

Prayer of Confession

One: We gather here this morning, hoping to catch a glimpse of the transfigured Jesus that the disciples witnessed long ago on the mountaintop,

All: an experience that changed them forever.

One: And yet this experience may be more than we can bear.

All: We pray that, as we sing, pray and proclaim the word of God, we'll be transformed by your love, a love that casts out all fear. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: When we stray from the path, we ask for your gentle hands on our shoulders, turning us toward the righteousness you want us to follow.

All: Grant us the courage that comes with full knowledge of your presence, and guard us as we journey in the truth of Christ. Amen.

Offering, Doxology (#542 VU *We Give You But Your Own*) and Dedication

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #289 [VU] *It Only Takes a Spark*

Commissioning and Benediction

One: Transformed, transfigured, changed:

All: that's what we've witnessed in God's word today.

One: Transformed, transfigured, changed:

All: that's what we hope for in great and small today.

One: Transformed, transfigured, changed:

All: that's the message we can bring to seekers who we meet along the way.

One: Transformed, transfigured, changed:

All: that's God's promise, here and everywhere.

Response: #218 [MV] *May the Love of the Lord*

Verse of the Day

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Worship times: Dec. to Mar.: MUC 9:30 am, WUC 11:30 am.

Bulletin Sponsorship: If you would like to dedicate a service to a loved one, please send a cheque of \$6.00 (no cash please) to Lynne Swanson (Box 390, Wawota, SK S0G 5A0). This will cover the cost of the new bulletin covers. Please indicate the week and name(s) of your loved one(s).

Lent begins: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th

March events: Crossroads Board meeting Sunday, March 22nd in Wawota

Wawota

Twoonie Draw for M & S: IF you have been watching curling?

RTR "Mystery Supper": 10 guests were served supper on Tuesday, Feb 11th at the "Chances are Diner". The theme was the "50's", so décor, music & period food was enjoyed by all! This "event" was what the RTR Committee donated to the "online" Time and Talent in 2019. Due to the success of the event – we have decided to do it again! So get your group together and prepare to bid for a "Medieval Feast"!

Time & Talent Supper, Auction & Entertainment – Sunday, March 15th – Town Hall Doors Open at 4 p.m. Supper will be served at 5 p.m. We need your support!! – donations and/or talents. Deadline to submit entries Saturday, March 7th. Format will be similar to last year's event – Silent Auction, On Line Auction, Supper and Entertainment. Adults -\$15, Students 12 & under -\$8; Preschool- Free.

March WUC events: Local Board meeting Tue., Mar. 10th at 7:00 p.m.; Lenten Bible Studies Tuesdays Mar. 10th, 24th, 31st, Apr. 7th; Kids Club Mondays Mar. 16th, 23rd, 30th, Apr. 6th; DVL events: worship service Mar. 4th @ 10:30, pastoral care visitation Mar. 18th @ 2:30

Maryfield

Bible Study: Thursday, Feb. 27th in the Haven at 10:00 a.m.

March events: Local Board meeting Thursday, Mar. 12th at 3:00 p.m.; Lenten Bible Studies Mar. 12th, 26th, Apr. 2nd & 9th; Villa events – World Day of Prayer Mar. 5th, service/communion Mar. 12th

