

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

William James Vardy

August 22, 1908 - March 16, 1972

From son Chris Vardy and wife Myrtle

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11:00 a.m.

Lent 4/United Church Observer Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Bill Bartlett
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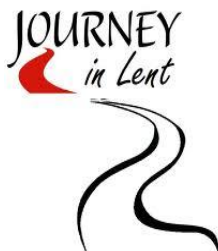
Organ Prelude:

Welcome:

Introit:

Call To Worship (responsive):

L: We gather because we are hungry.
P: We hunger for the love of God.
L: We gather because we feel lost.
P: We long to belong.
L: We gather because we desire something more.
P: We want to know the goodness of life.
L: We gather because we hope.
P: We hope for new life and new living.
L: We gather to worship, sing, and to pray.
P: We worship and we listen for God's words of love and belonging, promises of goodness and life.



Prayer of Approach

L: In the brilliant sunshine of a cold winter morn, and in the snowy fury of a blustery winter evening, the majesty of God may be seen.

God is with us wherever we go.

P: Be with us, God, in our time of worship.

L: In times of uncertainty and worry, or in times of celebration and great joy, the comfort of God may be felt. God is with us wherever we go.

P: Be with us, God, in our daily activities.

L: In this moment of quiet reflection, or in other moments of animated dialogue, the truth of God may be experienced. God is with us wherever we go.

P: Be with us, God, in our total lives.

L: We come to worship as followers of Jesus Christ.

Hymn: Love Divine, All Love Excelling 333

Time with the Children:

Hymn This is God's Wondrous World 296

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

God has called us by name-----to serve the kingdom, according to our gifts and abilities. We are also invited to contribute our resources as a witness and promise. Let us join together in our morning offering.

Offering

Offertory Hymn: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands 537

Offertory Prayer: (unison) See back of bulletin.

Life and Work at St James

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

God of the ages, you have called men and women of faith: to write in praise of you; to share their journey of faith; and to call us to greater faithfulness. May their words comfort and challenge us. May they draw us together in hope and send us out in the community as your faithful people.

Hebrew Scripture: Numbers 21: 4-9
A bronze serpent heals the people

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107: Parts 1 and 2 831-832
God's steadfast love endures forever

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6: 3-10

Anthem:

Gospel: John 3: 14-21
For God so loved the world



Hymn: I Have Called You By Your Name MV 161

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine,
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.

Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,

make my wounded children whole;
Go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Sermon: 'Communities of Hope' David Wilson, Editor UC Observer

Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: Amazing Grace 266

Commissioning: (responsive)

- L: Go into the world in *faith!*
- P: Trusting God to lead us, trusting people to receive us.**
- L: Go into the world in *hope!*
- P: With God's presence before us and human dreams to carry us.**
- L: Go into the world with *love!*
- P: Serving with those in whom Christ lives, and laboring for those for whom Jesus died.**
- L: Go in *Faith, Hope, and Love!*

Choral Benediction:

Organ Postlude:

Resources for the worship service were taken from 2012 Lent, Easter, Pentecost GATHERING.



Head Usher: Jean Thompson

Greeters: Tom and Maxine Rose

Ushers: Gloria Le Fleuve, Douglas Matthews,
Reid Cruthers, Jordan Goodwin,
Noah Sheppard