

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Fred Higdon,
 March 23, 1935 – March 16, 2002
 from Claire and family.

St. James United Church

March 16, 2014
 Lent 2

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Organ Prelude: *Prelude & Fugue VIII* J.S.Bach



Welcome and Life and Work of St. James

Introit: *Jesus Stand Among Us* Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Friends in Christ, Lent is a time to prepare and to renew our life. We mark this holy season

All: by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel.

One: We are invited, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent

All: by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

Opening Prayer: (together)

Beginner of all things, begin in us again: take these tired limbs and rouse them to dance Your joy from sunbreak to sundown. Help us, O Blessed One, to shake off our weariness that we may know new life in You and offer it to one another. Amen.

Hymn: *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights* 108

Time with the Children & Lenten Candle Extinguishing

Hymn: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* 121

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: *Paper Cross* AOTS

Offertory Hymn: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 541

Offertory Prayer: (together)

Gracious God, bless and transform all that we offer: our faltering steps, our brokenness, our hope, our risking, our hearts, that Your covenant may be written on our hearts and we may be a blessed and transformed covenant people. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm: Psalm 121 844

Anthem *A Patch of Blue* Youth

Gospel: John 3 : 1-17

Sermon

Hymn: *Spirit of Life* 381

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Closing Hymn: *Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name* 426

Blessing & Sending Forth

Choral Benediction: AOTS & Congregation

Organ Postlude: *Rigaudon* Young