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Lent 1

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Song – “*Glory in the Cross*”

**Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ,
our salvation and our hope.**

**Let us bow in homage to the Lord of Life,
who was broken to make us whole.**

**There is no greater love, as blessed as this;
to lay down one’s life for a friend.**

**Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God’s great love.**

**Let us make our journey to the cross of Christ,
who surrendered glory and grace
To become a servant of the great and small,
that all people may know God’s face.
Though his birth was divine, he knelt as a slave,
to wash common dust from our feet.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God’s great love.**

Setting the Scene for Lent

* Hymn VU #108 – “*Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*”

Children’s Time

Prayer of Approach and Lord’s Prayer

**Patient God, give us an openness of spirit and deep wisdom
as we begin our journey through Lent. We know we face the
challenge of hard questions and new ideas. All of this we do
because we want to know you better. We seek a faith that can run
deeply in our souls so that it grounds us solidly in life. Help us to
see the cross in all the dimensions of truth. We are your humble,
faithful followers trying our very best to worship you this
morning. (Lord’s Prayer)**

* Hymn VU #135 – “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*”

The Jesus We Know

The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – *How the Mess Got Started*
Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

Paul explains what Jesus did with the mess
Romans 5: 12-19

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Reflections

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “The Old Rugged Cross”

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response

**Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy’s perfect deed;
We, your servants bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.**

Prayer

* Hymn – “*Sing, My Tongue, the Ageless Story*” (see insert)

* Benediction / Response (VU #215 v.4)

**Hope of the world, who by your cross has saved us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;
We render back the love your mercy gave us;
Take now our lives, with them your kingdom build.**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director
Myrna Hagues, Organist Gina Grant, Custodian
Angela Moodie, Liturgist
Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Pat Lumsden and Bob Harrison
Greeters: Dorothy & Peter Harder