

February 28, 2016

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

(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 VU #365 - "Jesus Loves Me"

Presentation of Symbol

Hymn MV #1 – "All Are Welcome"

#### Prayer of Approach and Confession

God of abundance, you set before us a table overflowing with blessings. You invite us to feast on your love and loyalty, your faithfulness and strength, your work that satisfies, your deep wisdom and your lavish mercy. You promise that this banquet will fulfil us as nothing else can. Forgive for when we get distracted and turn our attention and energies away from you. Re-ignite in us a hunger and thirst for what really matters. Fill us with an urgent longing for your presence in all of our moments; the stressful <u>and</u> the calm. May your Holy Spirit focus us to what has true value to satisfy our souls. In Christ we pray. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time / the Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn – *"Family of God"* (see insert)

# The Word

Scripture Reading – Psalm 63: 1-8 Luke 13: 1-9

> I'm Hungry, Lord; I'm Hungry, Lord; My soul cries out for Thee, The Living Bread, the Water of Life, The One who quickens me.

Meditation – "Hungering for God when life is good."

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem -- "Song of Fellowship"

# The Response

### Announcements

\* Offering / Response (VU #545)

You nourish us with food, O God, For body and for soul; Our love and service is our thanks, For life that's free and whole, For life that's free and whole

Pastoral Prayer

- \* Hymn VU #639 "One More Step Along the World I Go"
- \* Benediction / Response

The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand, The Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand, Secure in God's word, seeking God's face, Abounding in love, abiding in grace.

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Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director Myrna Hagues, Organist Jessica Steidl & Alex Czehryn, Joyful Noise Edna Erickson, Liturgist Gina Grant, Custodian Douglas Gauthier & Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

> Ushers: Georgina Backman and Linda Smith Greeters: Mavis Willson and Darlene Scott