

United Churches of Langley
The Season of Lent
God Is Good!
March 29, 2020, 10:30 am – Live-Streamed

We Gather in the Spirit of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgment of First Nations Territories

Birthdays and Celebrations

Gathering Song *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* VU 288 vs. 1,2

Lighting the Christ Candle

Singing the Bowl

Prayer for Transformation

Ever present God, the world seems upside-down,
and life is becoming slower and slower.
We yearn for touch and human contact.
Help us to continue to keep our distance from others
while we learn to open our hearts
and to become closer to you.
Be our constant and our hope.
We believe; help our unbelief! Amen

Extinguishing the Light

Even in the light of the Christ Candle,
we know that the journey through Lent will have
its shadowy places.
We extinguish this candle learning to live with 'social distance'.
God is present in all of creation as an expression of the holy,
with unconditional love.
In community with others, yet keeping our distance...
we will honour, uphold and nurture relationship.

We celebrate Spirit, found where relationships are formed:
on FaceTime, on Zoom,
putting hearts on windows,
sharing a poem in an email.
Looking at old pictures, playing with a dog, and in prayer.

The season of Lent began with dust and ashes.
The journey through Lent will draw us deeper
into the heart and compassion of God.
In community we travel, in unity we gather as Easter people.
God is Good! **All the Time!**
All the Time! **God is Good!**

Ministry of Music *Fires* by Matt Redman

We Open to Wisdom

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130

Singing the Bowl

Sermon *What Can Breath and Fire Offer Us?*

Hymn: *Breath on Me, Breath of God* VU 382 vs. 1,2,3

Singing the Bowl

Meaning and Mission

Sharing our Gifts and Offerings

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (pray the version that resonates with you)

Singing the Bowl

We Depart - Blessed to Be a Blessing

Sending Out *Deep in Our Hearts* MV 154

Postlude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Voices United 288)

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm 1923, alt.

Music: William M. Runyan 1923; descant Joachim Segger 1995

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Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (Voices United 382)

Words: Edwin Hatch 1878

Music: Robert Jackson 1888

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Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Deep in Our Hearts (More Voices 154)

Words: John Oldham, 1995

Music: Ron Klusmeier, 1996

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Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

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deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.