

WORSHIP PLAN
Sunday, March 4th, 2018
Foothills United Church, Calgary
Lent 3

Gathering

Prelude Music
Bill Bradley plays

Greeting

Presider: Orson Mothersole

Extinguishing of the Candles

Call to Worship

We have been given the commandments.

How then shall we live?

The ten on the mountain.

The three from Jesus' lips.

The one to go into the world.

How then shall we live?

To keep God's name holy.

To live our lives in the sacred.

To love.

How then shall we live?

How then shall we live?

With all that we have

and all that we are,

We will live lives that reflect

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God's grace and God's love.

With all that we have

and all that we are,

we will worship our God!

Let all creation shout.

AMEN!

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Opening Prayer

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Hymn: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"
Voices United #368

Prayers of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Covenant God,
approach us as we approach you in worship.
Wrap us in your steadfast love.
Write your commandments upon our hearts.
Assist us in putting you first in our lives, God.
in honouring the Sabbath,
and in respecting our elders.
Steady us to turn away
from idolatry, misuse of your name,
murder, adultery, theft, lies, and coveting.
Lead us by the hand to live in this world serving you,

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O God, rather than serving only ourselves.
Create in us a clean heart, O God.
Renew a right spirit within us.
By the power of Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.

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Words of Assurance

God is not easily discouraged.
God's ego is not bruised by our rejection.
God waits for us to turn and live.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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A Moment of Reflection

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

**Centering Music: "Put Peace into Each
Other's Hands"**
More Voices #173 (Verse 1)

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Listening

Hebrew Text: Exodus 20:1-17

Responsive Reading
Psalm 19 Voices United #740-741
(Refrain 2)

Gospel Reading:
John 2: 13-22

Hymn: "Listen, God is Calling"
More Voices #97

Reflection

Prayer for Illumination

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Responding

Hymn: "For the Healing of the Nations"
Voices United #678

Prayers of the People

Prayer Candles

All who wish may come and light a candle

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**The Lord's Prayer (Sung)
Voices United #959**

Gift of Music
Bill Bradley
Piano

Offering Invitation

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Offertory Music
Bill Bradley

**Hymn: "Grant Us, God the Grace"
Voices United #540**

Dedication Prayer:

**We ask your blessing, God
on all who are gathered here
and upon these gifts:
for ourselves, for our brothers, sisters,
and siblings, and for the world
so that all may be transformed
and the world may be made new again,
through us.
In Jesus' name, we ask it. Amen.**

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Communion

More Voices: "Bread of Life, Feed my Soul"
More Voices #194 (Music Only)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
Therefore we greet each other with these words:

The Lord is with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts;
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks and praise,
For it is right so to do.

It is also right that, as we come to this table,
we declare what we believe:

**We believe in God who has created
and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

Trusting in God, believing in God,
giving thanks to God,
we lend our hearts this day to the ancient story
and join with angels and archangels
with saints present and past,
and with those in every age who have opened their

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hearts to sing this unending hymn:

More Voices #206

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of God,
God, hosanna in the highest.**

With song in our hearts and thanks on our lips,
we gather around this table
remembering another story:
**on the night when Jesus accepted the path
leading to death, he came to the table with his
disciples and friends.**

During the meal, Jesus took bread,
lifted it to the heavens, and gave thanks,
then broke the bread and shared it
around the table saying:

Take eat, all of you.

**This is my body, my whole being given for you.
Each time you share this bread, remember me.**

Jesus also took the cup, filled it,
lifted it to the heavens, and gave thanks,
then passed the cup around the table saying:

**Drink from this cup, all of you,
This is my blood, the essence of who I am
poured out for you.**

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Each time you share this cup, remember me.

With wonder and lighting our eyes and mystery
warming our hearts we declare:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Embracing the mystery of our faith, as a
gathered community, we name our purpose:

**We are called to be the church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil.
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

Come, God who has created and is creating.
Come, Jesus, the word made flesh.
Come, Spirit, who works in us and others.
Come, God in whom we trust.

Let this meal nourish us, body, mind, and spirit,
that we may be your presence in this world.
bringing hope, bringing justice, bringing love
so that others may know the truth that we embrace:

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us, we are not alone.**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in unity with the holy Spirit.
thanks be to God. Amen.

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Sending

News, Plans, Birthdays

**Hymn: “Christ Has No Body Now but Yours”
More Voices #171**

Blessing

Organ Postlude

Bill Bradley

We pause to listen before we share coffee