

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 3 March 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements *(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)*

*Call to Worship: 2271 "Come! Come! Everybody Worship"

*Litany**: "The Ten Commandments"

God spoke from the mountain and said:

"I am the Lord your God,

who brought you out of the land of Egypt,

out of the house of slavery;

you shall have no other gods before me."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name
of the Lord your God.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy." **R**

"Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet ...

anything that belongs to your neighbor." **R**

(Exodus 20:1-17, Abridged. Response from

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

*Opening Hymn: 265 *(Tune: 298)* "O Christ, the Healer"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 594 "Come, Divine Interpreter" *(Unison)*

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

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Psalter: 750 *(Response 1)* Psalm 19

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*Hymn of Preparation: 266 "Heal Us, Emmanuel,
Hear Our Prayer"

*Gospel: John 2:13-22

Sermon: *"High drama"*

Affirmation of Faith: 883 "A Statement of Faith
of the United Church of Canada"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

*The Peace: Let us offer one another signs
of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION (All are welcome)

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The Great Thanksgiving (Page 15ff)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 102 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Benediction: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion and fellowship
of the Holy Spirit
be with us all.
Amen.

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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