

Order of Worship: Sunday, March 6, 2022

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Prelude *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* (St. Flavian) arr. J. Trivette
Gaye Herndon, piano

Welcome Rev. Kandace Brooks

Opening Prayer

**Here in this place, there are no foreigners, for all are welcome in God's house.
Here in this worship, there is only acceptance, for love is the language of faith.
Here in our lives, there are no divisions, for God dwells in each of us.
Come, let us worship in unity and love.**

Opening Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (UMH 206)

Affirmation of Faith *Creed of the United Church of Canada* (UMH 883)

We are not alone; we live in God's world.
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.
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.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Anthem *A Future and a Hope* (C. Berry) Covenant Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Scripture Ruth 1:6-18

Sermon LOYALTY: Where You Go, I Will Go

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn *Now Let Us from This Table Rise* (UMH 634)

Closing Prayer

**As we enter the season and the long journey of Lent, grant that we might follow Christ with singleness of heart, mind and action. Remain with us as we seek to be like Ruth, faithful and loyal, committed and courageous. Let us truly be Christ in the world, not for our sake alone, but for yours.
AMEN.**

Postlude *Postlude on 'Richmond'* (D. Paxton)