

Prince Edward North Pastoral Charge  
Friendship United Church  
February 21, 2010 – Thinking Day

**GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Gathering Hymn VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy

Welcome / The Life and Work of The Church

Hymn VU 112 O God, How We Have Wandered

Call To Worship

Sisters and brothers, Lenten pilgrims, together we embark on a wilderness journey.

**Pilgrims on a road of awe and wonder.**

We journey through places of solitude, questions, reflection.

**Pilgrims on a road to self-discovery and learning.**

We journey through times of alienation, hunger, thirst.

**Pilgrims on a road to oasis and refreshment.**

We journey through struggles born of circumstance or choice.

**Pilgrims on the road to acceptance and healing.**

We journey through the hills and valleys of faithful living.

**Pilgrims on a road to compassion and liberation.**

We make this journey together – side-by-side – moving with Christ to the beat of God's heart.

**Pilgrims on the road to risen life.**

Minute For Black History

Caregivers In Action

Choir

Children's Time - Preparing the Table - Lighting the Candle

Prayer of Confession & The Prayer of Jesus VU 916

Hymn VU 595 We Are Pilgrim  
**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Psalm 91 VU 807 (with refrain)  
Luke 4: 1-13

Sermon

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE**

Hymn VU 108 Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

The Sacrament of Communion

The Spirit of God be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts;

**We lift them to God.**

Give thanks to our God!

**All our thanks, all our praise!**

Thanks and praise be to you, O God,  
for you create life out of the dust,  
and sustain us even in the desert.

We thank you that in the face of every temptation and trial,  
every principality and power,  
you are present to direct and guide,  
to renew and revive.

We praise you for sending us Jesus,  
your Suffering Servant,  
to walk before us the way of the cross,  
to turn us to you and to one another.

Therefore, we join your long procession of pilgrims  
praising you along the way:

**Holy, holy, holy God,**

**power of life and love!**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

**Hosanna through the ages!**

**Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!**

We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends,

he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.  
Each time you do this, remember me.”  
Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,  
passed it to his friends, saying:  
“Drink. This cup that is poured out for you  
is the promise of God, made in my blood.  
Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

At this time, we also remember  
all with whom you would have us share your feast.  
We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain . . .  
all who are ill or alone . . .  
all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger . . .  
for all whom the world counts as last and least . . . .  
We pray for the church and its varied ministries . . .  
for nations as they strive for peace and justice . . .  
for all our families and friends . . . .

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,  
remembering Christ’s life and death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
waiting in hope for his coming again.  
Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving,  
we may so offer ourselves to you  
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Spirit of Christ says, “Into the wilderness I go, who will go  
with me?”  
**We will go if you lead us there.**  
“Into soulful places of trust and risk?”  
**Yes, places of needed grace and change!**

May the courage and faith of Christ be with you, and for you.

### **And also with you!**

O God, at the beginning of this season of relinquishment and  
repose, we gather around this table of nourishment: bread for  
the journey and wine for gladness of heart, within a world that  
often thinks this could never be enough. For where lies the  
power, status and influence?  
Surely not in such ragged breaking and careless pouring as this!

God of broad, desert places, Song of hope when all seems lost,  
bless what we do here. Come to us in our yearning for that other  
way of Jesus: where stranger is friend, loss is gain and  
compassion is once more born of the earth. Amen

### The Elements are Served

#### Prayer After Communion

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us  
at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.  
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and  
send us forth into the world united in courage and peace,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; Through Jesus  
Christ. Amen**

#### Offerings of Our Life’s Work

“Take These Gifts”

**Take these gifts and let them be  
Used as blessings sent from thee  
Take our lives and use us all  
For your glory and your call.**

#### Hymn

MV 79

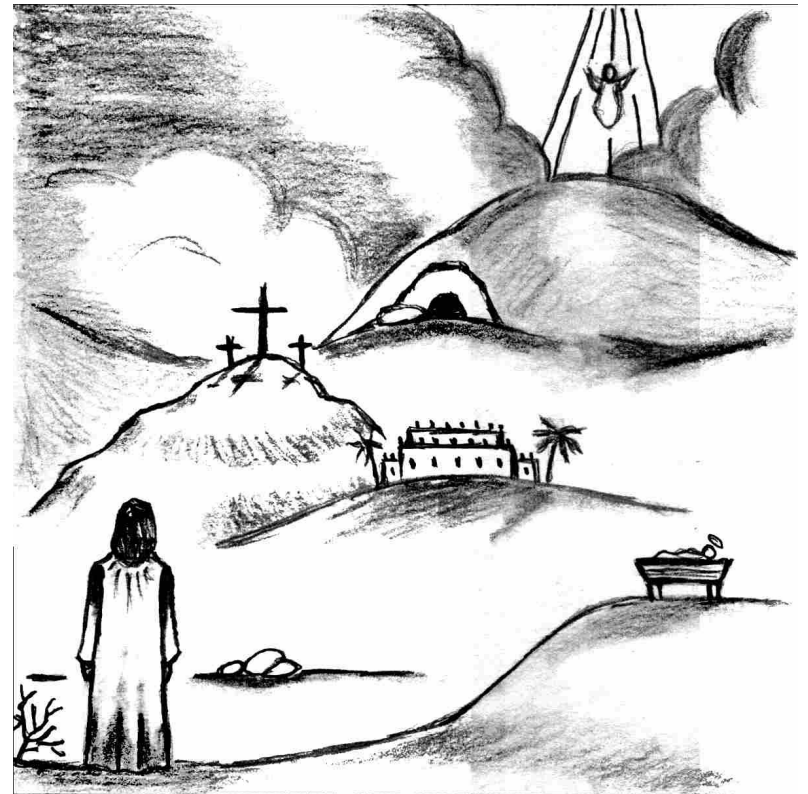
Spirit, Open My Heart

#### Commissioning & Benediction

#### Choral Amen

*“To be ready for the work ahead, Jesus needed to  
know three things:  
Jesus had to know from whence he came.  
Jesus had to know of the food  
which would sustain him.  
And, Jesus had to know his purpose.”*

*Are you ready for the work ahead?*



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