

**STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH**  
**Growing - Together - In Spirit**  
**Easter 3      April 26, 2020**

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**Music to Prepare for Worship:**

**Invitation to Worship:**      (Based on Psalm 51)

**All: Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and trusting spirit in me. Renew a sense of joy deep within me, which comes from knowing you love me, and help me to be willing to live in your ways.**

**Hymn: "Spirit, Open My Heart"**      (MV#79)  
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**Chorus:**

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.**

**1 God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear to your grace  
I now surrender.**

**2 Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought word and deed,  
may my living bring you glory.**

**3 May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another.**

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**Prayer: "You Embrace All Peoples"**      #525  
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**Eternal God, whose image lies in the hearts of all people, we live among peoples whose languages are different from our own, whose faiths are foreign to us, whose ways we fail to understand. Help us to remember that you embrace all people with your love, that all religion is a response to you, that the yearnings of other hearts are much like our own, and are known to you. Help us to recognize you in words of truth, things of beauty, and actions of love about us. We pray in the name of the One who calls us to be neighbour and friend. Amen.**

**Welcome & the Life and Ministry of Our Church**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

**Theme Conversation:** "A Re-telling of the Story of Jonah."

**Musical Offering:** "Jonah's Prayer"

**Scripture:** Jonah (Selected Verses)

**Sermon:** "Jonah - Seeing the World a New Way."

**WE RESPOND IN LOVE**

**Hymn: "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"** (vs. 1, 2 & 5)      #271  
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**1 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.**

**2 There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such gracious judgement given.**

**5 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.**

**Call to Prayer:** (Playing of the Koshi Chimes)

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & for Healing and Transformation**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Minute for Mission:** Lanark County Interval House.

**Invitation to Offer our Gifts:**

**Song of Dedication:** (#541 (VU))

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures high and low.**

**Give thanks to God in love made know,**

**Creator, Word and Spirit One. Amen..**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE**

**Hymn:** "Let There Be Light" **#679**

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**1 Let there be light,  
let there be understanding,  
let all the nations gather,  
let them be face to face;**

**2 open our lips,  
open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord  
opening into grace;**

**3 perish the sword,  
perish the angry judgement,  
perish the bombs and hunger,  
perish the fight for gain;**

**4 hallow our love,  
hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom,  
hallowed be your name;**

**5 your kingdom come,  
your spirit turn to language,  
your people speak together,  
your spirit never fade;**

**6 let there be light;  
open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror,  
hallow the world God made.**

**Commissioning and Blessing:**

**Threefold Amen:**

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**Music To Inspire Us As We Go:**