# STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH Growing - Together - In Spirit Lent 4 March 21, 2021

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# **WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**Music to Prepare for Worship:** 

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

O God, make my heart pure with love and my spirit strong with renewed faith. May I have joy from knowing that you are with me and help me to live the way you want me to live.

**Hymn:** "In The Bulb There Is A Flower" #<u>703</u>

- 1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
- 2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
- 3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Welcome & the Life and Ministry of Our Church

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:31-34 & John 12:24-27 (Alice Robinson)

Sermon: "Seeds of Hope."

**Musical Offering:** 

#### WE RESPOND IN LOVE

**Call to Prayer:** (Ringing of the Singing Bowl)

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

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever, and ever. Amen.

**Minute for Our Mission:** 

Invitation to Offer our Gifts:

Song of Dedication: (#579 Verse 2)

The church is wherever God's people are helping, Caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The church is wherever God's people are sharing, The words of the Bible in gift and in deed. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication:** 

## WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

**Hymn:** "How Great Thou Art" (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

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#### **Chorus:**

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

  Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

**Commissioning and Benediction:** 

Music To Inspire Us As We Go: