

# COLEBROOK UNITED CHURCH

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10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude:

## We Gather



Welcome

We are a caring, serving community,  
faithfully journeying and trusting in the mystery that is God,  
seeking joy, peace and justice for all.

Call to Worship: (Adapted from Richard Bott, Dunbar Heights UC)

One: And it begins.

**All: Life is a cycle –**

One: Every moment a beginning, every moment an ending.

**All: Life is a cycle –**

One: Ever changing, never static.

**All: Life is a cycle –**

One: “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it  
remains just a single grain.”

**All: Life is a cycle –**

One: But in all the change, from birth to death and beyond, the  
one constant is this:

**All: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

One: Let us come and worship.

Gathering Hymn: *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet* VU 245

Life and Work of the Congregation

Acknowledgement of First Nation Territories

Prayer of Approach

Lenten Centering Hymn: *Dust and Ashes*  
Lighting of Christ Candle



VU 105

Prayer of Confession: (Adapted from Elaine Bidgood Sweet, Leeds, North Dakota)

**Covenant God, approach us as we approach you in worship.  
Wrap us in your steadfast love. Write your commandment  
upon our hearts. Assist us in putting you first in our lives, O  
God, in honouring the Sabbath, in respecting our elders, in  
caring for our neighbours, and in nurturing and protecting  
the earth. Steady us to turn away from those things that  
harm ourselves, our neighbours and creation. Lead us by the  
hand to live in this world serving you, O God, rather than  
serving only ourselves. Create in us a clean heart, O God and  
renew a right spirit within us. Amen.**

Sung Response: *Take, O Take Me As I Am* MV 85

A Word of Grace

Affirming Our Faith: New Creed of the United Church

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## We Proclaim



Learning Together:

Sung Response: *Like A Rock* MV 92

Scripture Reading: I Peter 2:22-25

Reflection: Soul Searching Season: Salvation II – Atonement

## We Respond to God's Word

Hymn: *I Have Called You By Your Name* MV 161

Minutes for Mission

Presenting our Gifts and Offerings:

Offertory Hymn: *What Can I Do?* MV 191

A Time of Prayer:

Joys and Concerns

Song of Preparation – *And When You Call for Me* MV 90

Prayers of the People

Sung Response: *Lord's Prayer* VU 959

