

MAR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2020

**HOPE UNITED CHURCH**

10:30 AM

Lent 1

**Gathering in Expectation**

(▲ Please rise in body or in spirit)

Prelude

Welcome and Life & Work of the Church

Birthday Coins for the Birthday Church

***Happy Birthday to you. To Jesus be true.***

***May God's richest blessings abide over you.***

Light the Christ Candle

▲ Opening Song: **VU # 258 O World of God**

Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: Judgement belongs...

**People: To whoever can pass it first!**

Leader: No. Judgement belongs...

**People: To whoever speaks the loudest!**

Leader: No. Judgement belongs...

**People: To whoever has the juiciest gossip!**

Leader: No! Judgment belongs to God alone.

**People: Not to me?**

Leader: Not to anyone - just God.

**People: Maybe we'd better look to God then.**

Leader: Then let us look to God as we gather for worship.

▲ Song of Invocation ***Light of Lights*** (on screen) Nancy Nelson

Opening Prayer (together)

**It's in our nature to be critical. To find fault with our neighbour.  
To pass judgement and spread gossip though much of what we  
"know" has come to us second hand. It just feels so good to build  
ourselves up by tearing others down.**

**But that is not our place, God, because judgement is yours and  
yours alone. So be with us in our struggle to overcome our nature  
and help us find a better way to live in love together. Amen.**

***Light of Lights*** (on screen)

Sung Words of Assurance **MV # 90 *Don't Be Afraid***

Growing in Faith Godly Play story "Faces of Easter"

**We Hear the Word of God**

Scripture

James 4: 11-12

For the word of God in scripture, among us and within us...

**Thanks be to God!**

Ministry of Music

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Reflection

"God Alone"

Prayers of the People and **The Lord's Prayer**

Hymn

**VU # 282 *Long Before the Night***

**We Offer Our Gifts**

Presentation of our Offering ~ *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
(with *Air* by Bach)

▲ Sung Response **MV # 187 *We Give Our Thanks***

Prayer of Dedication

**We Journey Forth**

▲ Sending Hymn **VU # 213 *Rejoice, the Lord is King***

▲ Commissioning & Benediction

▲ Song of Dismissal **MV # 216 *Wherever You May Go v.1***

Postlude

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Today's bulletin is dedicated  
in loving memory of daughter/sister Kirstyn  
from the Butler family.

Announcements for March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Mission Statement:** Hope United is a welcoming, inclusive family of faith, committed to a life of love and serving God in the community and throughout the world.

A warm welcome is extended to all.  
 Visitors are invited to sign the guest book in the church entry.  
 Newcomers, please fill out a WELCOME card and place it on the offering plate so we can get to know you.  
 There is a Social Time in the Lower Hall following worship.

**Thanks to Today's Participants:**

**Greeters:** Mary Morrison & Kathy Morris  
**Announcer:** Sandra Fenn  
**Elevator:** Parker Verboom  
**Audio/Visual:** Paul Verboom/ Jared Oxner  
**Bulletin Folder:** Kathy Morris  
**Social Time:** choir

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**Minister:** Rev. Sean Handcock      sean@hopeunitedchurch.ca  
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**Organist:** Rafael Alcolado      **Music Director:** Barbara Pate  
**Percussion:** Brad Ruggles      **Webmaster/Tech:** Paul Verboom  
**Facebook:** Becky Campbell      rcampbell@gnspes.ca  
**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Diane MacVicar  
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**THROUGH THE WEEK March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

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| Mon | 7:00 pm     | 4-Way Harmony        | Hoyt Room   |
| Tue | 11:00 am    | Chair Yoga           | Parlour     |
|     | 6-8:30 pm   | Guide groups         | Hall        |
| Wed | 10-11:30 am | Seniors Meet & Greet | Hall        |
|     | 7:00 pm     | CLG/Worship          | Parlour     |
| Thu | 10am – noon | SCANS                | Hall        |
|     | 11:00 am    | Chair Yoga           | Parlour     |
|     | 1:30-3:30pm | SCANS                | Hoyt Room   |
|     | 7-8 pm      | Hfx. Hawks           | Hall        |
| Fri | 9:30-12     | Quilters             | Parlour     |
| Sat | 1-4 pm      | Berhan classes       | Lower Level |
| Sun | 10:30 am    | Hymn Sing Sunday     |             |
|     | 2-3 pm      | Dance Class          | Hall        |
|     | 7:00 pm     | Youth Group          | Hall        |

Our Memorial & Celebration Hymn Sing is next Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> during morning worship at 10:30 am. Let's all attend & support this wonderful morning of music & memories.

Hope United gratefully acknowledges donations

✠ in memory of Reverend John Roberts from

Bill & Muriel Hale

Greta Priest

Barb Baker

Ron Herold

Eleanor Plowman

Dorothy Rodgers

Margery Crooks

Alan & Paula Stoddart

Rev. Paul & Rosemary Cumming

Mary Morrison

Edith Clattenburg

Maureen Whitman

✠ in memory of Ken Grandmason from Mary Morrison

Lenten Offerings Mar 1 - Apr 5: During the six Sundays of Lent, Christian Life & Growth will be collecting "most needed" items identified by Parker Street. The first three Sundays (March 1, 8 & 15) will be food items: dry pasta, rice and cereal. For the last three Sundays (Mar 22, 29 and Apr 5) we will collect personal care items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, feminine pads, & small bottles of shampoo & conditioner. Please consider picking up a few extra items at the store to donate as part of your Lenten practice this year.

Youth Forum (grades 9 to age 19) is looking for facilitators: If you have a passion for youth, and are looking for a way to give back to the youth in our church, we would love for you to join our team! Facilitators need to be at least 21 years old and be available April 15<sup>th</sup> for a training day and from May 21-24 for the main event!

Make a Joyful Noise! As many of you know, Barbara Pate will be retiring in June after 10 years with this faith community. Her wish is to leave us with a sense of joyful anticipation about the future direction of our music ministry. On Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> the choir, ministry team and others met for a facilitated workshop to explore our vision for the future of the music ministry at Hope. The display at the back of the church summarizes the thoughts expressed at the workshop and some of the ideas explored for sustaining and enhancing a vibrant music ministry. Now it's your turn! Please take a moment to look over the display and add your own words, thoughts and ideas - by placing a check mark beside something you like or by writing a label of your own to stick on the display.

We are pleased to announce that **Becky Campbell has volunteered to take over as Hope's Facebook Page Administrator.** She can be reached by email at [rcampbell@gnspecs.ca](mailto:rcampbell@gnspecs.ca), or through Hope's FB page. **Thank You Becky!** And **Thank You to Jana Forgrave** for her great work filling this role for the past several months.

Storm Cancellation Notices for Sunday service are posted on the office voice mail (902-455-0261), website ([www.hopeunitedchurch.ca](http://www.hopeunitedchurch.ca)) and Facebook page as well as the Nova Scotia Storm Centre found at [cbc.ca](http://cbc.ca). The Pastoral Care Team is also willing to call those without Internet/Computer access. If you would like your name and phone number on the call list, please contact the church office.

Annual Meeting will be held **March 29, 2010** in the Lower Hall following worship. **Committee Reports** should now be in to the office!

Haven't tried Fundscrip yet? This easy-to-use program allows our church to turn your everyday spending into ongoing fundraising. Simply buy gift cards from us or on-line for participating retailers and up to 15% is donated back to the church. Many of these are retailers you already use - plus cards can be used as a great gift alternative on special occasions or as a donation. use invitation code **3M3RWE** at [www.fundscrip.com/retailers](http://www.fundscrip.com/retailers) and or contact Barb 457-1112 for info. Order day is the first Sunday of each month.

Bulletin Dedications: Each week Hope offers the opportunity for a person or group to dedicate the church bulletin - in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special person or event. **The sign up sheet is on the Greeter's Table** at the back of the sanctuary. A donation in the amount of your choice is appreciated and helps offset the cost of bulletin covers and printing.

**The Church Extension Board of Halifax** is an incorporated society supervised by the United Church Region 15. Its purpose is to provide seed money for church projects within the former Halifax Presbytery. To learn more about the Board and its role go to [cebhalifax.com](http://cebhalifax.com) where you can find information and by-laws. We are **currently seeking two new members for our Board from congregations** in the former area of Halifax Presbytery. If you are interested, please contact Diana Dalton at 902-405-5528.



Are you ready to plan a great summer? Camp Kidston is! We have been providing faith-based, nature-based camping programs for children and youth in Nova Scotia for more than 50 years. **Registration is now open at [www.campkidston.com](http://www.campkidston.com).** We have added a second Family Camp weekend in August. Be sure to sign up soon, as sessions fill quickly. An Early Bird Discount is available before March 1.

Education Fund: The Hope United Education Fund provides support for children & youth in the congregation who wish to attend United Church Camps at Camp Kidston and Sherbrooke Lake. Contact the office for an Education Fund application.

**Camp Kidston is now accepting applicants for our paid summer staff and volunteers.** We offer a range of jobs suited to various levels of skill, training, & experience. In addition to counselling and program staff, we are looking for kitchen staff (including a Lead Cook), First Aider, Community Outreach Liaison, Administrative Support, and Environmental Education Lead. Government regulations and accreditation standards require paid staff to be at least 16. Youth 14 - 17 who are looking to build their leadership and employment skills are encouraged to consider our Counsellor-in-Training program. Interviews will start in a few weeks and will continue until positions are filled. More information is available on our website: [www.campkidston.com](http://www.campkidston.com).

### **Community Announcements for March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**The King's Chorus** invites you to their **10th anniversary concert, Dixit Dominus by G.F. Handel** with works by Charpentier and Arvo Pärt, on **Sunday, March 15 at 7 pm at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax.** The concert will also feature acclaimed soloists, Ensemble Regale chamber orchestra, and Paul Halley on the continuo and organ. The King's Chorus is a choral society at the University of King's College, directed by Nick Halley, comprising seventy students, faculty, staff, and community members. Ticket info: \$10-\$75, available at [tickethalifax.com](http://tickethalifax.com) (or 902-422-6278).

**St. John's United Halifax** is hosting its **monthly Taizé Prayer** this **Sunday, March 1st, 7:00 pm** in the Judith Grant Rm, Maritime Conservatory for the Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. All are welcome.