

Sunday, March 4th, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

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are available from the greeters.*

Prelude	In Mystery and Wonder	Dan Locklair
Welcome and Announcements		
Lighting the Christ Candle		
Threshold to the Dark Wood		
	In the Dark Wood	Bryn Nixon
Prayers		
The Peace		
Learning Together		
Spiritual Practice		
Hymn:	For the Beauty of the Earth (v.1,2)	VU 226
Scripture:	Job 37:1-5	
Hymn:	For the Beauty of the Earth (v.3,4)	VU 226
Scripture:	John 2:13-25	
Sermon		
Anthem	Precious Lord, Take My Hand Thomas Dorsey	
Offering:	Creator God You Gave Us Life	MV 27
Prayers of the People		
Jesus' Prayer		
*Hymn:	All Praise to you	VU 297
*Commissioning and Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Exurgat Deus</i>	Peter Hurford

As we gather here on the unceded and ancestral land of the Coast Salish nations, let us be thankful that God is with us, calling us to be ministers of reconciliation, as light for all God's people.



Administration Office – 8:30am-4:00pm, Monday – Friday. The church administration office is open weekdays; please drop in or call if you need any assistance. Of course, you may leave messages for staff on the reception office voicemail, or on individual staff voicemail extensions, as listed in the recorded message.

Submissions to the Sunday announcements. Do you have an announcement or event to share with the congregation? Please call the office at 604-266-5377 or email office@drmt.ca with your information by noon on Wednesday. For events, please include:

- Name of the event.
- Date, time and location.
- 2-3 sentences describing the event.
- Where to find more information, or a contact name and phone/email, if appropriate.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, PART ONE

There will be a Congregational Meeting **TODAY** following the Worship Service. The meeting will include consideration of the Dunbar Ryerson Operating Budget for 2018, Council and Ministry Committee reports and a report from the Property Development Committee. A light lunch will be available. Please note that lunch is by donation (suggested donation \$7.00 per adult). We use the donations to cover the cost of lunch at our congregational meetings. If we cannot cover our costs, we cannot continue to provide lunches.

Office Staff – Jonathan, our much appreciated office assistant, is on medical leave for a couple of months. In his absence you will see **Audrey Wollbrett** filling in as the office assistant. Please say hello to her when you see her in Jonathan's chair, and give her your understanding as she gets up to speed.

Opportunities for Fun and Fellowship

Thursday Lunch: Stories from the World of Canadian Publishing – Thursday, March 8th, 11:45am-2:00pm in the East Room, 2195 West 45th Avenue. Alma Lee was the founding Artistic Director of the Vancouver International Writers and Readers Festival, the founding Executive Director of the Writers Union of Canada, and of the Writers Trust of Canada. In 2004 she became a Member of the Order of Canada. We will gather for a light lunch and guest presentation, with opportunities to chat with those you may know and those you may be meeting for the first time. Meal cost is \$8.00. This is a plated meal. Please RSVP at 604-266-5377 by Monday, March 5th.

Dunbar Ryerson Women's Weekend – Friday, March 9th to Sunday, March 11th at the Edenvale Retreat Centre in Abbotsford, BC. Register today after Worship. The theme of our annual women's weekend retreat is "That Odd and Wondrous Call" with facilitator Rev. Debra Bowman. Brochures are available from the planning committee members. Registration is on a first-come basis. Please bring your cheque when you register. For more information please see Shirley Hammond, Helen Fielding, Jill Parker, or Merrilee Thompson.

Women's Retreat Carpool information: Merrilee – 604-322-0102.

Men's Dinner Out - Saturday, March 10th, 6:00pm, Kerrisdale Kitchen Chinese Restaurant at 6055 West Boulevard (between 44th and 45th). While the Dunbar Ryerson women's retreat is happening, all the men of the congregation are invited to enjoy themselves at a dinner at the Kerrisdale Kitchen Chinese Restaurant. Dinner will be in the restaurant's private dining room. We look forward to enjoying a very pleasant meal with all of you. If you have particular allergies, please advise and we will do what is possible to accommodate your particular needs.

We'd like to know how many to expect, so if you plan to attend please advise

Doug Smart (wdsmart@telus.net, 604-321-0102) or

Ken Ball (ken57.ball@gmail.com, 604-263-9806).

Vancouver Bach Children's Chorus, Tuesday March 13th, 7:00pm, DRUC Sanctuary, West 45th @ Yew St. Each year the VBCC junior choirs join together to usher in the spring season in joyful voice. Join them as the Toccatas, Partitas, Chorales and Chorus sing a program of Latin inspired music. The lilting melodies and energetic rhythms are sure to warm up your night! \$15 General / \$7 Student. Tickets available at the door and Online at Eventbrite.ca.

ASK Friendship Society Open House – Thursday, March 15th, 3:00-6:00pm, 2177 West 42nd Avenue. The Arbutus Shaughnessy Kerrisdale Friendship Society invites you to their official Welcome Back to Kerrisdale! Are you curious about how A.S.K. has transformed the former Kerrisdale Legion into an Adult Day Centre? Come for a look around and see how A.S.K. is helping seniors in the community. Free parking at the Kerrisdale Parkade. Light refreshments served. More info: 604-263-7333 or caring@askcenter.ca.

Vancouver Bach Youth Choir & Sarabande Spring Concert – Thursday, March 15th, 7:30pm, DRUC Sanctuary, West 45th @ Yew St. Join the VBCC's new Youth and Sarabande conductor, Shane Raman in a feature concert for their two SATB voiced chamber choirs. Filled with talent from local high schools and alumni of the VBCC program, these choirs will wow with their tight harmonies, soaring melodies and pinpoint rhythms. \$15 General / \$7 Student. Tickets available at the door and Online at Eventbrite.ca.

Advance Care Planning Information Session – Friday, March 16th, 2:00-4:00pm, Kitsilano Neighborhood House, 2305 West 7th Avenue. Seating is limited, pre-registration is required. For more information: SylvieK@kitshouse.org or 604-736-3588 ext. 603.

Knox / Dunbar Ryerson Men's Breakfast – Saturday, March 17th at 7:30am in the East-West Room, 2195 West 45th Avenue. All men are welcome.

Women Book Club, Friday, March 23rd, 10:15am-noon in the Dogwood Room, 2195 West 45th Avenue. All are welcome to join our discussion of *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. Our presenter is Mary-Ann Dyson. Please contact her at 604-244-0820 for further information.

Wednesday Morning Men's Walking Group – Every Wednesday, at 9:00am. Meet all meet at 16th Avenue and Sasamat Street. We will walk the Pacific Spirit Park trails, followed by coffee together. For more information, please contact Pat Burns at patburnsca@yahoo.com.

Opportunities to Learn

Lenten Challenge – Practice: February 14th-April 1st; Group: Saturdays, February 17th-March 31st, 9:30-10:30am in the Lounge, 2195 West 45th Avenue. A Lenten walk through the Gospel of Mark, with daily reflection and conversation with God. An optional weekly gathering is offered for participants to take time for conversation and small group exploration. For more information, contact Rev. Richard Bott at development@drmt.ca, or phone 604-266-5377.

Spiritual Deepening: A Journey Through the Dark Woods – Wednesdays, February 21st-March 28th, 7:00-8:30pm in the Chapel, 2195 West 45th Avenue. Journey with Debra and Brian through our Lenten theme. We use the book *Gifts of the Dark Wood* by Eric Elmes to start our conversations and reflections. Consider attending The Table worship at 6:10pm and then gathering in the Chapel at 7:00pm for this reflective time together. Please contact Debra or Brian for a copy of the book.

Books for Lent and Easter – Our congregational library is located in the Memorial Centre Lounge. Books are displayed most Sundays in the East Room during coffee hour. Books may be borrowed for up to three weeks. Lent and Easter books for children and adults are currently on display in the library. Check them out!

Opportunities for Spiritual Nurture and Healing

Healing Ministries Open Community Session – Wednesday, March 21st, 1:00pm in the Fireside Room, 2195 West 45th Avenue. To arrange a session please contact Susan Burns at 604-738-4758 or Jan Miko at 604-261-2651. Please see www.drmt.ca under Ministry / Pastoral Care and In Reach for more information.

United in Prayer Saturday, March 17th – First Lutheran Church, Vancouver. You are invited to join the worldwide network of Contemplative Outreach as they join in prayer with their Global Community. You'll be enriched and spiritually nourished by the presentations, reflections, discussion and times of quiet. Information is available www.cogv.com or contact Christine at chris.kesans@gmail.com.

Welcome to Dunbar Ryerson United Church!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. Please join us for refreshments after the service, in the hall of the Memorial Centre, across Yew Street from the sanctuary.

Facilitators of this morning's worship include

Presiders:

Debra Bowman

Brian Thorpe

Cathy Cryder

Preacher:

Debra Bowman

Director of Music:

Bryn Nixon

Organist:

Ed Norman

Choir:

Chamber Choir

Worship Support:

Heather Swallow

Scripture Reader:

Ken Ball

Prayers of the People:

Gwyneth Westwick

ASL Interpreter:

Sara MacFayden

Nursery & Children's Program:

Natasha McConnell

Carmen Lee

Youth Ministry Program Director:

Molly Spaner

Coordinator:

Doug Smart

Greeters:

Mary McCallum

Linda Cuthbert

Gordon Cuthbert

Barbara Johnson

Coffee Helpers:

Mary Jane MacLennan

Denis Sjerpe

Joyce Sjerpe