

# SHAPED AND CALLED Created in the image of God, Shaped by Jesus

Lent - Easter 2023

The season of Lent is a time to ask some fundamental questions. What is shaping us? What does it mean to be images of the God who created us? What does it mean to be called by Jesus? Whose call do we act on?

And what is the Spirit's role within and among us?

We are surrounded by a host of pressures. Lent is a season to release that pressure, to turn from (repent) all that would distort and reduce our humanity. We can open space in our lives for God to work. Our Creator re-creates us. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection calls us and transforms us into a new way of being human.

With our worship, Lenten practices, and life in community we are invited and encouraged to explore being created in the image of God, shaped by Jesus.

### Shrove/Pancake - Tuesday February 21

Creator God, as we prepare to begin Lent, we know that you created the world and you created us. Thank you! You created pancakes and you created our tastebuds too. Help us to enjoy 'pancake day' in a spirit of celebration of the goodness of your creation. Amen.

## Ash Wednesday - February 22



Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 What does the Lord require of you? To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God. #207 What Does the Lord Require of You? - Voices Together

## Lent 1 - February 26 Shaped by Testing

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-29; Matthew 4:1-11 Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13 Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Senior Choir sings in worship *Jesus, be the center, be my source, be my hope, be my path, Jesus.* #584 Jesus, Be the Centre - *Voices Together* 

## Lent 2 – March 5 Shaped by New Birth

Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song! #809 Sing a New World Into Being – Voices Together

#### Lent 3 – March 12 Shaped through Thirst

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42 Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people. Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life. #703 Rain Down - Voices Together

#### Lent 4 – March 19 Called to the Light

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 *Christ, be our Light! Shine in our hearts. Shine in your church gathered today.* #715 Longing for Light - *Voices Together* 

#### Lent 5 - March 26 Called to Life

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45 Stephen Roy, Mennonite Central Committee Ontario guest preacher Nothing is lost on the breath of God...God's breath is love, God sees with love, God's heart is love.

#653 Nothing is Lord on the Breath of God - *Voices Together* BMC Pancake and Sausage lunch (food provided)



# Lent 6 – April 2 Palm / Passion Sunday – Called to Worship

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus is coming; pave the way with branches. Jesus is

coming Hosanna! Jesus is coming. Hosanna to the Prince of Peace. #312 Jesus Is Coming - Voices Together

## Maundy Thursday - April 6

Exodus 12:1-4; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15, 31-35 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you



be my servant too. #778 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant - Voices Together

# Good Friday – April 7 Worship and Communion Service

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19-42 Don't be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised, promised to be always near. #596 Don't Be Afraid - Voices Together

## Easter Sunday - April 9 Fully Alive in Christ

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10



Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia!
Sing, O heaven, and earth reply: Alleluia!
#346 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today - Voices Together
Easter breakfast 8:30 am