

# Nashwaaksis United Church

*Lent: Ashes & Promises*

*March 1, 2026 - Second Sunday of Lent*

*Liturgical Colour: Purple*

*Presider: Rev. Richard Bowley*

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## GATHERING TOGETHER

**Hymn Sing (10:15 AM)**

**Acknowledgement of Place**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Introit:** *Lord Prepare Me* *MV 18*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,  
sanctuary for you.**

### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### Celebrations & Announcements

#### Call to Worship (Responsive):

On this Lenten journey, we come with weary hearts.

**We come needing grace.**

At this table, Christ kneels before us.

**He washes us in love.**

Come, be served by the One who loves to the end.

**We come to receive his mercy.**

## Prayer of the Day

**Hymn:** *Love Divine* *VU 333*

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

### Ash Liturgy (Responsive):

We raised our palm branches in celebration of you,  
**and on those same leaves have written our sin and  
brokenness, despite your having broken into our lives to show  
us a new way.**

We carry the ashes of those palm branches as a reminder.

**These ashes remind us of our pride, when we turn from your  
offered hand. You call us to join you on a road that leads to  
new life, yet we would rather walk our own path. You invite us  
to be a part of building God's kingdom right here, right now,  
and we turn to our own designs.**

We carry these ashes as a reminder of our pride.

**Humble us, for we long to join you in your work and on your  
way.**

For a moment, let us focus on these ashes, lifting our prayers - for  
guidance and courage - to Christ.

*(moment for reflective silence)*

**Proclaiming Our Faith:** *A New Creed* *VU 918*

**Ministry of Music:** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love*

### Time for the Young & Young At Heart

#### Reading:

Psalm 51:7-12

John 13:1-17

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Message**                    *Service In The Shadow Of The Cross*

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn:**                    *Today we all are called to be*                    *VU 507*

**How Can I Give?**

- 1) If you have internet banking, you can E-transfer funds to Nashwaaksis United Church by sending the funds to [donations@nashwaaksisunited.ca](mailto:donations@nashwaaksisunited.ca).
- 2) You can go to [www.CanadaHelps.org](http://www.CanadaHelps.org) and search for Nashwaaksis United Church. We are the first one on the list when searching for Nashwaaksis United Church. You can confirm it is us by checking the address.
- 3) You can reach out to Matthew and sign up for a or increase your pre-authorized remittance (PAR) donation which comes out of your bank account or credit card once a month. You can make changes to this at any time, just reach out to Matthew. His email is in today's announcements sheet.
- 4) Lastly you can give here in person by dropping your donation into the offering plate at the doors when you come in or when you leave following the worship. And if you don't have an envelope, some have been placed in the pews for your convenience.

**Dedication Verse:**    *As We Journey Together*  
**As we journey together on the path of faith,  
may our hearts be attentive to Christ's plan,  
and may we be responsive to our broken world,  
off'ring freely the talent that we can.**

**May all we bring, be blessed and shared  
with those who need a helping hand  
May all we bring, be blessed and shared  
creating justice through the land.**

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

**Serving Christ, you gave yourself without holding back. You poured out love knowing its cost. Receive now what we offer: our gifts, our work, our intentions, our very selves. Soak them in your grace. Use them for mercy. Send them where tenderness is needed most. And where we are still reluctant to serve, shape us gently by your Spirit, until our lives become offerings of love. In your holy name we pray.  
AMEN**

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

Sung Response -        *Jesus, O Jesus*                    *TLUS 75*

**Hymn:**                    *We Have This Ministry*                    *VU 510*

**SENDING FORTH**

**Commissioning (Responsive):**

You have been washed in mercy.

**Now go and live in mercy.**

You have been served by Christ's love.

**Now go and that same love with others.**

Go in peace to serve the world.

**We go to be the hands and feet of Christ.**

**Benediction**

**Choral Closing:**        *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence VU 421 (verse 3)*  
**Lead on O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,  
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.  
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land  
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.**

**Closing Music**