

Corner Brook United Church

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Washrooms

Upstairs: through the door to the right of the stage

ownstairs: the exit between the two coat racks

We strive to be a **scent free** facility.

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March 23, 2025



March 23, 2025 – Lent III

Prelude

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: (adapted from Isaiah 55)

L: All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!

P: Whoever has no money – come, buy food and eat! Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk!

L: Why spend money for what isn't food, and spend your money for what doesn't satisfy?

P: Seek the Lord when he can still be found. Call on him while he is yet near.

L: Let the wicked abandon their ways, and the sinful stop their schemes.

P: Because my plans aren't your plans – nor are your ways my ways – says the Lord.

L: Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my plans higher than your plans.

Hymn: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* VU 626

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Anthem

Reading: Isaiah 55

Message: The Invitation

Hymn: *Like a Healing Stream* MV 144

Offertory Hymn: *Praise God from Whom...* VU 541

Offertory Prayer

Community Prayer/LORD's Prayer

Hymn: *You Shall Go Out with Joy* VU 884

Blessing: L: Go out with celebration, and you will be brought back in peace.

P: Even the mountains and the hills will burst forth in song and all the trees of the field will clap their hands!

Postlude

Coffee Hour is scheduled for next week, March 30th.

About Isaiah

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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