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# March 23, 2025

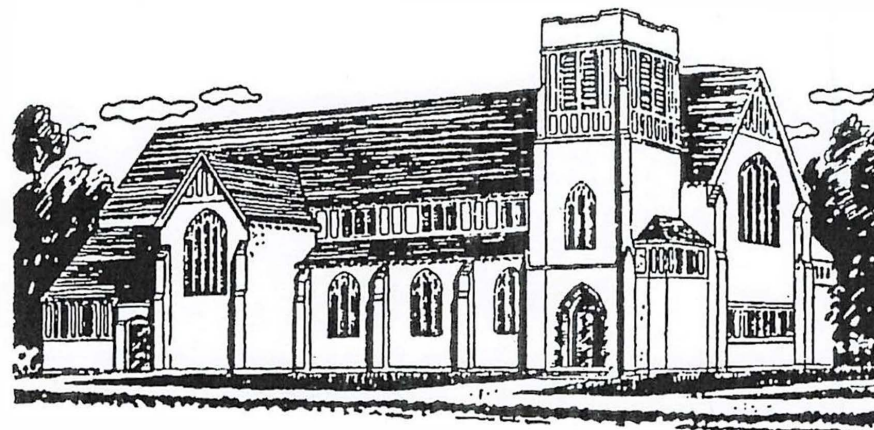
# LENT 3

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**Land Acknowledgment:**

We acknowledge we worship on the unceded territories of the  
x\_wm\_əθk\_wəy'əm\_ (Musqueam), S\_kw\_x\_wú7mesh (Squamish),  
and Sel'íl\_witulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We thank them for having cared  
for this land and look forward to relating with them as covenant people  
of God as we continue to care for this land together.

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**KNOX UNITED CHURCH**

Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours"  
(Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the  
arts, building a community without loneliness.

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# KNOX UNITED CHURCH

# LENT III SERVICE, 10 A.M.

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♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

**Prelude:** "Offertorium"

Gordon Young

**Welcome and Candle Lighting**

**Call to Worship:**

God calls us to lives that bear fruit.

**We are here, ready to grow in faith.**

Even when we fall short, God does not give up on us.

**We come to be nurtured and restored.**

Let us worship the One who cultivates new life within us!

**Amen!**

♪↑ **Hymn:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

VU 288

**Prayer (together)**

**Gardener of our souls, we come seeking Your care. Cultivate in us the patience, the faith, and the perseverance to grow in Your love.**

**Open our hearts to Your Word and transform us by Your grace.**

**Amen.**

♪+ **Hymn:** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

VU 560

**Prayer of Confession (together)**

**God of mercy, we confess that we do not always bear the fruit of Your love. We become impatient, discouraged, and sometimes indifferent. Forgive us when we resist Your pruning and refuse to grow. Nurture within us a renewed faith that produces good fruit for Your kingdom. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

God does not abandon us when we falter. God gives us time, grace, and love to grow. In Christ, we are forgiven and given new life!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 13:1-9

*Parable of the Fig Tree*

**Anthem:** "The Fruits of the Spirit"

adapted from Scripture  
Natalie Sleeth

**Sermon:** Legacy of Fruitfulness

**Reflective Music:** "Recit de Cornet"

Francois Couperin

♪↑ **Offering Hymn:** "In Gratitude and Humble Trust"

VU 544

(Tune: Forest Green)

**In gratitude and humble trust**

**we bring our best today**

**to serve your cause and share your love**

**with all along life's way.**

**O God, who gave yourself to us**

**in Jesus Christ, your Son,**

**teach us to give ourselves each day**

**until life's work is done.**

**Dedication of Offering**

**Prayers of the People**

♪+ **Lord's Prayer (sung together)**

VU 960

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive them**

**that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:**

**for thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Your Hand, O God, Has Guided”

VU 274

**Commissioning and Benediction**

Go and bear the fruit of Christ’s love in the world.

**We go, rooted in grace and ready to grow.**

May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the power of the Spirit  
go with you.

**Amen.**

♪↑ **Benediction Response:** “Three-Fold Amen”

VU 967

**A-men, A-men, A-men.**

**Postlude:** “Trumpet Voluntary”

Jeremiah Clarke

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**March 23, 2025 (Lent 3)**

**Title:** "Legacy of Fruitfulness"

**Text:** Luke 13:1-9 *Parable of the Fig Tree*

**Synopsis:** Jesus tells a parable about a fig tree that hasn’t borne fruit but is given another chance. A legacy is not about how quickly we succeed, but how we cultivate faithfulness over time.

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