



Step Onto the Lenten Pathway... Like a Rock -Becoming Living Stones

The Worship Committee invites you to step onto the Lenten pathway, observing the theme: 'Like a Rock-Becoming Living Stones', a reflection of the scripture from 1 Peter 2:4-5... *'come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.'*

To that end, stones of various sizes and textures will be available at the welcome table, with the invitation to carry a stone for the season of Lent, carrying it or placing it somewhere where you can see or feel it, using it as a prayer or meditational focus. Stones can be a reminder of our foundations-a metaphor for strength and endurance whereby we become living stones, building a spiritual house of which Jesus is the corner stone-the foundation of our Lenten journey. On Good Friday we will return our stones as part of the liturgy of the Passion, creating a cairn as offering.

Weekly worship in this time will reflect on the act of carrying a stone as a Lenten spiritual discipline, especially in terms of mindfulness as to why we walk this path year to year.

Additionally, begonia plants will be available for two Sundays (February 26th/March 5th) and at the Rise and Shine breakfast. Through the solemnity of Lent, there is ample proof of hope that comes to us in growth; evidence of God's ongoing acts of Creation. You are invited to nurture a plant over the coming weeks, returning the blossomed beauties for Easter Sunday worship when we will create a lovely display in celebration of Resurrection.

As in every year, a number of Lent and Easter resources, including print and video are available on our website (www.auroraunitedchurch.ca). Information regarding the Lenten Study-'Good Courage: Daily Reflections on Hope' is included in these announcement pages and online.

The Worship Committee offers blessings to all for a meaningful Lenten season.



Palm Sunday-April 2nd/Good Friday-April 7th/Easter Sunday-April 9th

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Aurora United Church

March 5 2023~11 am

Church Office Hours 9 am ~ 12 pm (noon) Monday ~ Thursday

Aurora United Church Office 905-727-1935 x 21 ~ www.auroraunitedchurch.ca

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March 5th to March 12th—Lent

Sun, Mar 5	11 am Worship ~ Lent 2 11:15 am Funday Sunday Children's program ~ Binions Hall
Mon. Mar 6	1:30 — UCW Seekers ~ Historic Chapel 7 pm— Council ~ Zoom
Tues. Mar 7	3-5 pm — EmBellished Rehearsal ~ Binions Hall 7pm—EDGE committee ~ Zoom
Wed. Mar 8	10:00am-2:00 pm —Aurora Community Café ~ St Andrews Presbyterian Church 10:30 Chartwell Park Place ~ worship 5 pm - 6 pm — Welcome Table ~ Trinity parking lot 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm — Faith-A-Peal, Handbells ~ Binions Hall 7 pm - 8:15 pm — Bellissimo, Handbells ~ Binions Hall 7pm— Lenten studies ~ Zoom (see website below for Zoom link)
Thurs. Mar 8	11:30 am -1 pm Martha's Table ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (in person or take away) 7pm - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Sat. Mar 11	9:00 am - 10 am Rise & Shine Breakfast ~ Trinity Parking Lot
Sun. Mar 12	11 am Worship ~ Lent 3

Lenten Study Group on Zoom

Good Courage: Daily Reflections on Hope—Books are in

This Lent, Find the Courage to Go Against the Stream
Lent is almost here; instead of giving something up, why not think about what you would like to learn from your journey this year?
Good Courage offers honest testimonies from people who have had the courage to follow their hearts, to hope against hope, and to faithfully work toward a better world.

Every Wednesday from March 1 to April 5 at 7:00 pm

Check out the AUC website for the Zoom link

<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/good-courage-daily-reflections-on-hope>

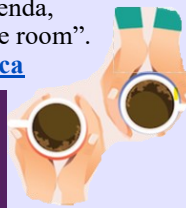
The Life and Work of our Congregation continues....

Death Café-Sunday March 5th, 2-4pm Zoom

A group direct discussion of death, with no agenda, objectives or themes — hence the “elephant in the room”.
-for more info contact cflynn@myhospice.ca



Better Together



2023 Offering
Envelopes
-are ready for pick-up

Pick-up in Trinity, at the Welcome
Table, before or after service.



Funday Sunday -Children's Program

The Funday Sunday Children's Program is for children from Grades 1-4.
Children go downstairs to Binions Hall following the lighting of the orange
candle. Children will return upstairs following the service.

No Funday Sunday March 12th or March 19th

SAVE THE DATE UCW BOOK SALE

May 13th, 10am—2 pm

Donations Needed

-accepting only children's
books and paperbacks.
No hardcovers please!

Drop off books:

Friday May 12, 4-7pm
Saturday May 13, 8-10am



As of Sunday February 19, masking
will be optional for attending
worship services at Aurora United
Church.

MASK MANDATE LIFTED

If you wish to wear a mask, they will be available at
the Welcome Table for you.

Community Café Looking for Volunteers

Twice a month in kitchen, or
coffee station: contact

Rev. Andy

(andy@auroraunitedchurch.ca)



UCW

Seekers Unit next meeting **Monday March 6th**
1:30 pm -3:00 pm in the Historic Chapel

We are composed of two units which meet monthly in the
historic chapel of Trinity Anglican.

Our meetings include worship, a program and most
importantly fellowship.

ALL ARE WELCOME

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS

The AUC Chancel Choir will be presenting excerpts from the Rutter
Requiem during our **Good Friday** service on April 7th at Trinity Anglican

WE ARE INVITING YOU TO SING WITH US!

Our Rutter Requiem rehearsals will take place from 7:00-8:00 pm,
each Thursday from March 2nd-April 6th.

For more information, please contact AUC Music Coordinator Margaret Heney
(margaret@auroraunitedchurch.ca) or Choir President Laurie Bentolila (416-953-6575).



Rise 'n Shine! Breakfast

Aurora United Church hosting
Saturday breakfast 9-10 am

Take home meal available for
pick-up in the
Trinity Anglican Church parking lot
79 Victoria St. Aurora

Food provided by York Region Food Network

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE

Subscriptions or Renewals **April 1st**

Let the office know you would like to renew or order a sub-
scription of Broadview, (info@auroraunitedchurch.ca).

Order before April 1st to get the 8 issues for \$25



DONATE NOW

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Helping the people in Turkey and North
Syria after the devastating earthquake
on February 6, 2023.

[https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-
now/earthquake-turkiye](https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/earthquake-turkiye)



The Adventure begins this
SUMMER

We can't wait to see you at Hart Lake!

PeeWee camp all the way up to **Highschool**
Leadership course.

[https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/
camp-big-canoe](https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/camp-big-canoe)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pre-Register now

You are invited to the Annual Meeting (AGM) of Aurora United Church on Zoom.
When: March 28, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pf-GurD0qGtZJSP0BgpiGZpLHwBNiK3yw>

