

# Corner Brook United Church

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**Office Hours:**  
**Monday – Thursday 10 am – 2 pm**  
We're able to receive bulletin info until **Wed. at 1 pm**

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**Washrooms:**  
**Upstairs:** through the door to the right of the stage  
**Downstairs:** the exit between the two coat racks

CBU strives to be a **scent free** facility.

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**March 15, 2026 – Lent IV**



The Zin region of the Negev Desert. A truly desolate place that might lead anyone to have doubts...

## March 15, 2026 – Lent IV

Prelude

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 22)  
(echoes of Good Friday)

L: My God! My God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me – so far from hearing my anguished groans?

**P: I'm poured out like water. All my bonds have fallen apart. My heart is like melting wax.**

L: Evil encircles me like a pack of lions.

**P: Please don't be far from me, because trouble is near and there's no one to help.**

L: I cry out during the day, but you don't answer. Even at night I don't stop my pleading – but where are you?

**P: My strength is dried up like a piece of broken pottery. My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You've set me down in the dirt.**

L: Is it because I'm dust? Insulted by one person and despised by another?

**P: Everyone makes fun of me – they shake their heads saying: "He committed himself to the LORD, so let God rescue him. Let God deliver him because God likes him so much."**

L: They divvy up my garments among themselves and they cast lots for my clothes.

**P: But still I trust in you. You are my strength!**

Hymn: *Come Now, Almighty King* VU 314

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Anthem: *God is Here* VU 389

Reading: Exodus 17: 1 – 7

Message: Is God with us, or not?

Hymn: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* VU 288

Offertory Hymn: *Love Divine...* VU 333 v.2

**Come almighty to deliver  
let us all thy grace receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above.  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing  
glory in thy perfect love. AMEN**

Offertory Prayer

**Gracious and loving God, we give thanks for our many blessings.**

**By your Spirit help us to become truly grateful people, and share our blessings with others.**

**Receive now this offering as a sign of our continuing work to shine Christ's light into the world. AMEN.**

Community Prayer / LORD's Prayer

Hymn: *God, Dismiss Us ...*

VU 425

Blessing

Postlude

## **Memorials**

**Local:** In loving memory of Irene Simms by daughter Christine and family

**Local:** In loving memory of Marilyn Avery by Leslie Cross

## **Announcements**

**Outreach Luncheon** is scheduled for Wednesday, for March 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Easter is coming! Please submit your **Easter Memorials** by Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

The **UCW** will have a meeting and election of officers on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm in the Lower Hall.