



March 22, 2022



## *Parable of the Pastor*

We are now halfway into our 40-day Lenten journey. Obviously, our minds and hearts are gripped by the death and destruction of the war that is being inflicted on Ukraine. How difficult it is, even selfish to focus only on our own spiritual journeys to the exclusion of those whose lives and homes are being lost.

Perhaps these two polarities are not exclusive of one another.

In our Lenten reader written by the St. Andrew's community, Dirk Ryneveld shared in his devotion: The verse that has sustained me in difficult times is Philippians 4:19: And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Every need! In my personal experience, that verse has helped me through many difficult times of worry about things that would otherwise keep me awake. I turned the problems over to God, relying on his promise. I recognized that we are depleted of our own resources, but the resource we have for every demand, obligation and responsibility is the presence of Christ within us.

And Elizabeth Gichimu prayed at the end of her devotion...

Dear God, While we live in fear and doubt, help us to hold steadfast in prayers and thanksgiving with gratitude for all you have done, are doing, and going to do for us in your own time. Let us always rely on your word and promise, that He, who began a good work in us, will carry it into completion. Grace and Peace.... Amen

Shelia Mitchell reminds us to hope as found in the words of Proverbs 3:5 & 6:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. If we fully trust in God and dark times arise in our life, He will lead us out of the darkness and into the light and a brighter way ahead and to a clearer understand that will make sense.

Finally, Laura Hawkes shares the song Sparrows by Jason Gray. She explains, "I fell in love with the song the first time I heard it. I started playing it regularly as an encouragement whenever things felt overwhelmed at work, at home, in life.

Two of the verses speak especially to us in these difficult days...

You don't walk alone. If He can hold the world, He can hold this moment  
Not a field or flower escapes His notice  
Oh even the sparrow. Knows He holds tomorrow. There's not a single star that's out of place  
There's nothing broken He can't remake  
If you long for hope when you're afraid  
Oh look at the sparrow. Look at the sparrow

May our Lent continue to remind us that even during dark times, God is present even and especially when we may not be aware of that. A Blessed Lent to you. Pastor Mitch

The deadline for The Link is  
March 27th. Please send  
submissions to  
[thelink@shaw.ca](mailto:thelink@shaw.ca)



## AGM Voting

Members and adherents are welcome to vote in our AGM by [clicking here](#) for the voting form. This is the same as the protocols for last year's AGM.

You can also ask a friend or elder to help you vote, you can vote by mail (see instructions in the minutes) or call the clerk of session for assistance 250 382 2387



Coming very soon! The much-missed  
and long-awaited Coffee Hour!

You are all warmly invited to gather for coffee in the Kirk  
Hall following the service on April 3.

You will be asked to keep your masks on until you are  
seated at a table.



The PCC is looking for photo submissions  
for next year's wall calendar.  
Learn more by [clicking here](#)

## *Read From Your Bible This Week*

- Joshua 5:9–12
- Psalm 32
- 2 Corinthians 5:16–21
- Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

