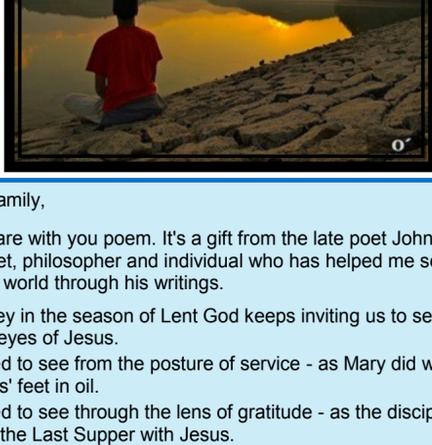




## First United eNews

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Dear First Family,

I'd like to share with you poem. It's a gift from the late poet John O'Donohue - an Irish poet, philosopher and individual who has helped me see God's action in the world through his writings.

As we journey in the season of Lent God keeps inviting us to see the world through the eyes of Jesus.

We are called to see from the posture of service - as Mary did when she bathed Jesus' feet in oil.

We are called to see through the lens of gratitude - as the disciples did when they shared the Last Supper with Jesus.

We are called to see from the perspective of those we have judged - like Judas.

We are called to see the world and our lives by loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

This day, and these last few weeks of Lent, may you see with Jesus and give thanks.

***I give thanks for arriving  
Safely in a new dawn,  
For the gift of eyes  
To see the world,  
The gift of mind  
To feel at home  
In my life,  
The waves of possibility  
Breaking on the shore of dawn,  
The harvest of the past  
That awaits my hunger,  
And all the furtherings  
This new day will bring.***

*John O'Donohue*

peace and grace to you all,  
Rev. Danielle

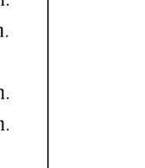
### THIS SUNDAY...

**SOUP SUNDAY** – After worship, everyone is invited to stay for a soup lunch and to share in fellowship. Thank you to our many volunteers.

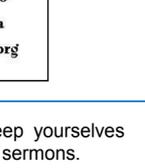
**EASTER CANDY AND CHOCOLATE WANTED** - The Outreach Ministry is seeking donations for the Children's Party at the Mustard Seed. Please ensure that your treats are small in size as they are put into sandwich baggies for distribution at the celebration. The deadline for collection is **this Sunday, March 25**.



**PEROGIE SUPPER** - Thank you to all who helped with the perogy supper last weekend, and thank you to all of those who came out to enjoy the delicious meal! If you would like to purchase some homemade frozen perogies, look for Edna Melnyk at church on Sunday or call the Church Office. They are \$5 per dozen.



**EASTER LILIES** – Lilies are available for \$10 each and will be placed as decoration in the narthex and Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. As a symbol of hope, you are welcome to take your Lilies home with you after Worship on Easter Sunday. You may use the special envelopes provided and place it into the offering plate along with your payment, or return it to the Church Office no later than **April 1<sup>st</sup>**.



### HOLY WEEK EVENTS...



First United Church

<b>April 1</b>	Palm Sunday Worship With Holy Communion	10 a.m.
<b>April 5</b>	Maundy Thursday Worship	7 p.m.
<b>April 6</b>	Good Friday Worship	10 a.m.
<b>April 6</b>	Walk of the Cross Meet at the Fire Hall	12 p.m.
<b>April 7</b>	Easter Vigil	7 p.m.
<b>April 8</b>	Easter Sunday Worship	10 a.m.

*Please join us as we celebrate.  
Christ is Risen!  
Alleluia!*



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