

Silver Falls United Church

Sunday, September 13, 2009

Minister: Rev. Angela Cory, BA M.Div Director of Music: Ann McAllister

Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

* **Please stand if able.**

Personal Prayer of Preparation

Teach us your names, O God, spoken in acts of mercy and justice and grace. May we learn your names, O Jesus, by trusting who you are for us and for all. May we recognize your names, Holy Spirit, in the renewing of our lives and communities.

Amen

Organ Prelude

* Introit Make a Joyful Noise all the Earth **VU 820 verse 1, repeat chorus**

Call to Worship (responsively)

One: Gathered in the Spirit of Christ we jointly offer this prayer:

All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and redeemer.

One: We join together in this time and place; equal journeyers on the road of faith, and at one in our desire to be true to our calling.

All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and redeemer.

One: Let us lay aside all that hinders our way forward or distracts our attention from faith's goal. Together, let us seek and find wholeness in the welcoming love of God.

All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and redeemer. Amen

Opening Hymn Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore **VU 563**

Call To Confession

One: As we come to God in confession let us create a space to allow the Spirit to move amongst us and refresh our lives. Let us pray together:

Prayer of Confession (responsively)

One: God in Jesus, in whom we see a true revelation of love, courage and beauty;

All: in your love, may we find our own.

One: Free us from the anxiety of revealing too much of ourselves to others and forgive us for the fear to express what is most valued in our own hearts. Because of this snare, our lives are often mere shadows of what they otherwise might be;

All: in your love, may we find our own.

One: God of all, we live constantly in need of your grace and encouragement. Help us not only to identify these gifts, but to embody them, so as to help others recognize their true being and calling in the service of Christ.

All: in your love, may we find our own.

Words of Assurance

One: Hear again an enduring word of grace: In Christ, our fears have been overcome, and our self-doubt has been freed. Go and be yourself in the costly ways of love. Give your all to that which awakens your soul to life.

All: Amen!

A New Creed

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God; who has created and is creating,
Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
To reconcile and make new, who works in us and others
By the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

We are called to be the Church;
To celebrate God's presence,
To live with respect in Creation,
To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
Our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Faith in Action
Life and Work of the Church

Children's Hymn Shout for God VU 246

Theme Conversation

Hymn VU 246

Introit for the Word

One: Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditation of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your kingdom be known. Amen

Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Proverbs 1: 22-30

Reader: These are our sacred stories

All: Thanks be to God

* Psalm Psalm 19 VU 740-41

Epistle: James 3: 1-12
Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 30-37

Reader: Glory be to you, O God
All: Praise be to you, O Christ

Ministry of Music Lord, Here Am I - by J. Althouse

Sermon

Offertory Invitation

One: Is there anything we can give in return for our lives? While we can never repay our Saviour, we can offer what we can to be his hands and feet in the world today, sharing our abundance with others

Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards

Offertory Hymn Who Comes From God VU 892 (wisdom 7)

Dedication of Offering We Praise You, O God VU 218, vs 1

*Offertory Prayer (in unison)

In saying that Jesus is the Messiah, we receive the greatest gift of all: our lives. With gladness and thanksgiving, we offer these gifts and our PAR contributions to help bring glory to God. It is good to be in this place. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to you children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place,
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Refrain *We will follow, we will follow Jesus.
We will follow, we will follow him.
We will follow, we will follow Jesus.
Wherever he leads us we will follow.*

Lord's Prayer

**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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen**

Closing Hymn Are You a Shepherd? (see insert)

Commissioning and Benediction

One: Go in the peace and goodness of God. Stand tall in the love and being of Christ. Run free in the vision and encouragement of the Spirit.

All: **Amen!, Amen!, Amen!**

Choral Blessing (tune: vu 402)

*We are one, as we go, now we leave,
strengthened and renewed.
We have shared, we have cared,
We have witnessed God's great love.
As we go from this place,
All our fears and cares erase,
For we know the future is in God's hands.
Be with us as we journey on our way.*

(text by Sue McBeath, Humphrey Memorial U.C., Moncton, NB)

Organ Postlude

If you are a visitor with us, we give you **special welcome** in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. If you are a regular worshipper, do you know the person in front of you, or even beside you? If not, why not introduce yourself?

*Today's Service and Bulletin are dedicated in loving memory of father Don Watson
by Donna, John and Sharon*

Scripture for Sunday, Sept. 20th – **Wendy Bennett**

Proverbs 31: 10-31

Psalm 1

James 3: 13 to 4: 3, 7-8

Mark 9: 30-37

Greeter for Sept. 20th : **John & Sarah Woollven**

Thank you goes out to last weeks

Readers & Greeters for all your help!!

****please note there are new schedules on the back table for reading and greeting. Please make sure you pick one up.*

Thanks. If you're interested in adding your name to the list

Please let Tammy, in the office, know.

Announcements

“Stylin’ for Fall”

Fashion Extravaganza

Being held on **Saturday, October 3rd**, at **6:30pm**. Come on out and see our members walk the runway for stores like Tanjay, Jayset, Boathouse and the Butterfly Shoppe!! Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any UCW member or in the office. Coffee & dessert to follow. For more information, call the office at 696-1410. Come enjoy a “Girls Night Out!”

*From July 20 – 30th youth from Silver Falls United Church in Saint John went to Halifax to participate in a mission trip run by Islington United Church in Toronto. They worked in soup kitchens, food banks and group homes, just to name a few. They had an amazing experience and are ready to share their stories with you. Come to Silver Falls United Church on **September 27th**, 2009 at 7pm to hear their stories and enjoy their fellowship.*

Attention! If you are a volunteer or work within the church and are involved with any youth or groups, we are asking that you have a Police Record Check done. This is mandatory within the United Churches. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office at 696-1410. All police record checks can be dropped off in the office. Thanks for your cooperation.

Still looking for a few **volunteers** for the **nursery** on Sunday mornings. If you're interested in lending an hour of your time per month, I'd really appreciate it. You can let Tammy in the office know. Thanks so much!

Hope everyone had a great summer and I'm sure we all got out there and enjoyed the sunshine when we had it...which makes me think about our **Walking to Jerusalem** challenge. Anyone out there got some miles/kms to post? I can't wait to see how far some of our members have gone. You can let me know and I'll make sure your success is recorded!!

**We seem to be missing our sticker board that kept track of everyone's kms. If anyone has seen it please let me know. For those of you that have been keeping track, could you please update me as to where you are so I can make a new poster in the event we can't find the old one. Thanks. Keep up the great work! Tammy 696-1410.

The Scouts are looking for donations of Duct Tape. Any size, any color will do. Please see Andrew Cory.

There are still some plastic containers down in front of the kitchen. If they belong to you, please pick them up. Thanks for your cooperation.

Attention girls! Messengers, Explorers and CGIT will be starting up again on Monday, September 28, at 6:30pm. If you would like to be a part of these fun groups or know of a young girl age 5-16 who might be interested, please call June at 696-1512 or Diane at 696-3964, or you can give the office a call for more information, 696-1410.

Glen View United Church, 8 Upland Road is holding a **Maple Salmon Dinner** served with vegetables, dessert, home-made biscuits with tea and coffee. Advanced ticket sales only, \$12. Call Dave 652-2128, Bob 633-4106, Frank 849-8616 or the office 696-3773.

PIANO DUET CONCERT: On Sunday September 13th at 3:00 pm, Fredericton-based pianists Dianne Roxborough Brown and Krystyna Higgins will present a concert of music for one piano four hands at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rothesay. Their repertoire ranges from classical to contemporary; from the formal to the frivolous! Everyone is welcome to attend. Freewill offering.

Tracy Friars, Family & Friends are pleased to present “Celebrate Life” – A Musical Concert at the Imperial Theatre on Nov. 23rd at 7:30pm. The show will feature Tracy and many talented artists from the Saint John area including a 90 Voice Choir under the direction of Janet Kidd and accompanied by Terri-Lynn Russell. Tickets are \$20 and available through the Imperial Theatre (the box office, telephone and on-line) starting September 21st. All proceeds from this event will go to the Saint John Learning Exchange.

Carleton-Kirk Lodge Nursing Home Fundraising Event, Dinner Theatre & Auction at the Phoenix Dinner Theatre. In support of the refurbishment of the courtyard. Sunday, September 13. Silent Auction at 5:00pm. Seating at 5:30pm. \$50 per person (A \$20 tax receipt per person will be issued. Tickets are available at Carleton-Kirk Lodge (Main office). Ticket deadline Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009. For more information, please phone 643-7040

Prayer Corner *This information is given so that you may “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” (Rom. 12:15) Please pray for them.*

Please keep in your prayers this week, Fred Quigley.

Saint John East Church Prayer Link—

How to Become a Part of Silver Falls United Church

Profession of Faith (Confirmation)

This means to publicly profess the faith proclaimed in your baptism. Confirmation classes are usually 6 to 8 weeks in duration. Please let the office or Rev. Angela know if you are interested. (classes starting soon)

- ✓ Commit yourself to follow the way of Christ in your public and private life
- ✓ Profess faith in one God
- ✓ Support the life and work of Christ's church

Transfer of Membership

Requesting from the church which you are currently a member of, to officially transfer your membership, by letter, to Silver Falls United Church. You will then be welcomed as a new member during a worship service.

Adherent

You may prefer to leave your membership elsewhere (although we encourage you to transfer to Silver Falls) while you fellowship with us either temporarily or permanently.

MID-WEEK GROUPS

Adult

U.C.W. Quilters	12:30-3:00, Monday & Wednesday
UCW	7:00 p.m. 1 st Tuesday
Senior Choir	7:30 p.m. Thursday
Unified Board	7:00 p.m. 3 rd . Tuesday
Bible Study	10:00 a.m. Wednesday

Children/Youth

Sunday School	Sunday 11am church 11:15 to classrooms
Youth Group	As Announced
Beavers	6:30 p.m. Wednesday
Cubs	6:30 p.m. Tuesday
Scouts	6:30p.m. Wednesday
Messengers	6:30 p.m. Monday
Explorers	6:30 p. m. Monday
CGIT	6:30 p.m. Monday