

SILVER FALLS



UNITED CHURCH

Sunday Service

November 15, 2009

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

** Please stand if able.*

Personal Prayer of Preparation

We are guilty of many errors and many faults, but our worst crime is abandoning the children, neglecting the fountain of life. Many of the things we need can wait. The child cannot. Right now is the time his bones are being formed, her blood is being made, and his senses are being developed. To her we cannot answer "Tomorrow," his name is "Today."

Organ Prelude

Introit

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel his mighty power and his grace
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

Call to Worship (responsively)

One: God be in our head and in our understanding of childrens needs

All: God be in our eyes and in our beholding of the wonder of children.

One: God be in our mouths and in our speaking to and on behalf of children.

All: God be in our hearts and in our love for all children.

One: God be in our hands and in our support of children.

All: God be in our feet and in our walk with children.

Prayer of Approach (responsively)

We hold up the 80,000 children, in Canada, that are under the protection of Child and Family Services. We hold up their families, foster families, social workers, and all community agencies that work to make a better world for these children.

One: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.” (Jeremiah 31:15)

All: We come together with hearts that weep for our country’s children.

One: “Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears; for there is reward for your work.” (31:16)

All: We come together to be moved from weeping to hear the promise of the work we can do.

One: “They shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.” (31:16-17)

All: We come together to glimpse your vision of homecoming that would bring our country's children from an experience of need to one of safety, plenty and love. Be with us in our worship and our work, O God. Prepare us by the power of your Spirit that we may commit our hearts and hands and minds to realizing your vision of homecoming for the children of our country. Amen.

Opening Hymn

**Come and Find the Quiet Center
VU 374**

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 the following peace prayer:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Creator God, you have made us in your own image, and yet we fail to reflect your love and justice. You have created every child in your image, and yet we don't treat every child as a precious reflection of you. We see some children as valued treasures, others as lost causes and some are just not seen. We invest our time, money and hopes in some children, while we squander the great potential of others. Open our eyes, we pray, to see that every child is made in your image and belongs to you. Help us to love, protect and nurture all children. We pray these things in the name of the One who came to us as a child. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, we are God's children now. Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Faith in Action **Life and Work of the Church**

Children's Hymn Come To My Heart
VU 661 vs 1 and 2

Theme Conversation

Hymn VU 661 vs 3

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:

1 Samuel 1: 4-20

Reader: These are our sacred stories

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 1 Samuel 2: 1-10 pg. 878 VU (song of Hannah)

Epistle: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Mark 13: 1-8

Reader: Glory be to you, O God

All: Praise be to you, O Christ

Ministry of Music Jesus, Good Above All Others
- R. Vaughan Williams

Sermon "Children in Care"

Offertory Invitation

One: Let us rejoice now in what we have been given and in what is ours to give as we receive our morning offering.

Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards

Offertory Hymn God of Freedom, God of Justice **VU 700**

Dedication of Offering VU 227 verse 2

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done
 In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done
 In our world-wide task of caring
 For the hungry and despairing
 In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

***Offertory Prayer** (unison)

Our Heavenly Father: by your generosity we have received all that we have and all that we are. Grant that we may so use the things which you have entrusted to our care, that we may become more and more your children in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

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 The Church's One Foundation

VU 331 vs 1, 3, 4 & 5

Commissioning and Benediction

One: Go forth and create change in the world for children made in
 the image of our Creator;
 Go forth to bring hope to children in the name of Christ who
 brought them to him for blessing;
 Go forth to work for a better tomorrow, empowered by the
 Holy Spirit whom Jesus called our "Advocate."

Choral Blessing

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen

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 our loved ones.

Scripture for Sunday, November 22nd – **Glenview United**

Greeter for November 22nd : **Glenview United**

Thank you goes out to last weeks

Readers & Greeters for all your help!!

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.*

Shirley Whitebone, Tasha Phillips and Mary Lou Cyr

*Happy Birthday goes out to Andrew McLean.
Hope you have a great day!!*

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.**

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