

SILVER FALLS



UNITED CHURCH

Sunday Service
January 10, 2010

Silver Falls United Church

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

** Please stand if able.*

Personal Prayer of Preparation

How we long to be affirmed, O God, to be told we are loved and valued. To hear such words would be almost too good to be true. Strengthen our hearts to hear your voice speaking those words to us. Open our hearts to cling to your all-embracing love. Amen

Organ Prelude

Introit Arise, Your Light is Come **VU 79, vs 1&2**

Call to Worship

One: Come beloved, seekers of God's wonders...

All: We come to the river—the sparkling river.

One: Come beloved, seekers of God's creative spirit...

All: We come to the river—the buoyant river.

One: Come beloved seekers of God's assurance...

All: We come to the river—the cleansing river.

One: Come beloved seekers of God's nurture and care....

All: We come to the river—the healing river.

One: Come beloved, seekers of God's abiding presence...

All: We come to the river—the refreshing river.

Prayer of Approach (in unison)

Source of Life, we stand on the shoreline of faith waiting to wade into the waters of your love. Encourage us into the ebb and flow of life in you. Amen

Opening Hymn I Have Called You by Your Name (see insert)

Call To Confession

One: God is still revealed to us in surprising, even sometimes unsettling ways. Let us allow that God to be here with us now as we pray:

Prayer of Confession

One: Creator God, you have fashioned and formed us in your image, calling us by name:

All: beloved, beloved, beloved...(silence)

One: You fire us in a shining glaze that reflects your tender loving care, refining us into a burnished vessel for your Spirit.

All: We confess that we do not always see ourselves as worthy of your attention and that at times we fail to turn to you

**when you call us by name: beloved, beloved,
beloved...(silence)**

One: We ask that you pour out your love upon us, a refreshing,
cleansing rain calling out all that is lustrous, is Christ in us,
shining into our world.

All: Amen

Words of Assurance (responsively)

One: But now thus says God who created us, who formed us. “Do
not fear for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name,
you are mine.” Sisters and brothers, created and formed,
redeemed and called by name:

All: Beloved...

Beloved...

Beloved...

We are God’s beloved, for we see God’s love
reflected in ourselves and in one another.

All: Thanks be to God!

Faith in Action

Life and Work of the Church

Children’s Hymn We Sing of Your Glory

We sing of your glory, we praise you again
For you are eternal. Amen. Amen.

We sing of your power and honor again
For you are eternal. Amen. Amen

Theme Conversation

Children's Hymn

We sing of surrender to you, God, again
Your power is eternal. Amen. Amen.

Glory in the highest, on earth, sing again
Glory, alleluia. Amen. Amen.

Introit for the Word

One: Open our eyes and hearts, God of sacred story. Speak to us
through these words. Show us the way and give us strength to
live in faith. Amen

Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Reader: These are our sacred stories

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Psalm 29 VU 756

Epistle:

Acts 8: 14-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
 Reader: Glory be to you, O God
 All: **Praise be to you, O Christ**

Ministry of Music Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts -
 By C. Saint-Saens

Sermon

Offertory Invitation

One: We've all heard it said that "actions speak louder than words," and this is an opportunity for us to speak volumes without opening our mouths. When we present our gifts to God, and the work of God's people, we are proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards

Offertory Hymn When Heaven's Bright with Mystery VU 93

Dedication of Offering (tune 232)

Joyful, joyful, Lord, we bring you
 Gifts that you can use today
 Take them, bless them, may your kingdom
 Spread to all the world, we pray.
 We are here, our time and talents
 We would dedicate as well
 May we show Christ's love within us

By our lives, our faith to tell.

***Offertory Prayer** (unison)

God of all gifts, we pray that in some small way, we reflect the overflowing generosity we have received in our lives through the gifts we present today. Let us proclaim the Good News through our gifts and through our actions. Amen

Ritual of Affirmation

One: Let us pray for children and youth, precious in God's sight, and reflections of the growing Christ child. Renewed by the water of life...

All: may we raise them up in faith.

One: Let us pray for all creation, precious in God's sight, and a living reflection of new life in Christ. Renewed by the water of life...

All: may we continue to work towards earth's renewal.

One: Let us pray for men and women, precious in God's sight, and reflections of God's widening embrace. Renewed by the water of life...

All: may we seek and serve Christ in all people's.

One: Let us pray for elders and those who have gone before us, precious in God's sight and reflections of Christ's patience and wisdom. Renewed by the water of life...

All: may we continue to be God's story of unending love in both word and deed.

One: We pray for all that is possible, wonderful, and joyful as we seek and serve Christ, God's beloved, in all places and all people.

May God be well pleased as we say together the word that Jesus taught us...

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

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise **VU 101**

Commissioning and Benediction

One: Let us depart, God's beloved, showered in abundant blessings, seeking the reflection of Christ in all we meet, and being a reflection of Christ to all we greet. Amen

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 Donald Watson by the family.

Scripture for Sunday, January 17th – **Victoria Cory**

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 35

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Greeter for January 17th : **Jim & Betty Humby**

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, Tashia Phillips, Marion Stackhouse

*Congratulations to Amanda & Jason Speight on the birth
of their daughter, Hailey Laura Ann, on January 7th, 2010. A
new sister for Carter!*

*Proud grandmother is Janet Harrison. Proud great-
grandparents are Ann & George Smith.*

**Happy Birthday
To
Marjorie MacGregor
Celebrating her 90th birthday this week!!**

CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2010. “You are witnesses of these things” (Luke 24) – January 24, 2010, 6:30pm, Glenview United Church, 8 Upland Road.

We are looking for folks to sing in a combined church choir – arrive at 6:00pm to go over music. We will be singing “Blessed Assurance”.

Fellowship to follow service. All invited – see you there!!

The **Unified Board** is looking for **new board members** for the 2010 year. If anyone is interested in serving on this board or would like more information, please see Rosemary Day for details.

The **UCW Annual Meeting “Through the Years”** is going to be held on **January 25th** in the CE Hall. It will be a yankee swap and all women of the congregation are invited to attend!! Hope to see everyone there!

Our annual **Knit-A-Thon** will be held on Saturday, **February 13th**. Please help support our knitters!!

To all Committee Chairs—If you have not submitted your budget requests for 2010, please do so asap. Please submit to office and remember to be good stewards of our finances. Thanks a bunch!

We are looking to add **email addresses** to our office computer system. If you have an email address could you please submit it to the office by calling Tammy at 696-1410 or email her at **silverfalls@nb.aibn.com**, so that she can add it to the system. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in becoming a Junior Youth Group Leader?? We’re looking for someone to take on the role in leading a Junior Youth Group, grades 5-8. If you’re interested in finding out more information, please see Andrew & Victoria Cory or call the office at 696-1410.

