

Silver Falls United Church

Sunday, January 31, 2010

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

** Please stand if able.*

Personal Prayer of Preparation

God, sometimes you take our breath away—not so much out of wonder but shock. We find you with ones we did not expect. You do what we would not have chosen. Move our lives to join you on the edge, where holy love stretches out with grace. Amen

Organ Prelude

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

Call to Worship (responsively)

One: In your presence we find a place of safety where we will never be put to shame. Your way is good and right and keeps us from all kinds of trouble.

All: Tune your heart to the sounds of our voices as we open our hearts to worship you.

One: Shelter us from all that threatens to destroy; for, with you, we do not have to be afraid. You are our hope and trust from the days of our youth.

All: Tune your heart to the sounds of our voices as we open our hearts to worship you.

One: We have trusted you from the time we were born; in fact, it was you who drew us out of our mother's wombs and you care for us along the way.

All: Tune your heart to the sounds of our voices as we open our hearts to worship you.

Prayer of Approach (unison)

God whose voice echoes all around and deep inside, speak to us through gentle reminders, hard truths, encouraging ideas, and emerging thoughts. Then put your words in our mouths that we may speak the ways of your love. Amen

Opening Hymn Love, Who Made Me in your Likeness
VU 565 vs 1, 2, 4 & 5

Call To Confession

One: We need forgiveness, God, for we are not the people you would have us be—forgive us and set us free as we say our prayer:

Prayer of Confession (responsively)

One: Holy One, when we forget you in our busyness

All: make us mindful of your steadfast presence.

One: When we will not look truth in the face,

All: turn our eyes to your way.

One: When we recoil from the harsh realities of life

All: open to us the suffering within and around us.

One: When we move on in blissful ignorance

All: awaken in us a heart of compassion.

One: When we are afraid to speak our minds,

All: put into our mouths words of your justice.

One: When we question the very thought of you in our lives,

All: become real to us, once again, through love.

Words of Assurance (responsively)

One: God says, “before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I set you apart as my own.”

Secure in our place within God, we can receive both comfort and challenge, words easy and hard, future hope and present reality.

Receive again this message: God says, “before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I set you apart as my own.”

All: Amen. Let it be so!

Faith in Action

Life and Work of the Church

Children’s Hymn Know That God is Good

Know that God is good, know that God is good
Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.

Know that God is hope, know that God is hope
Know that God is hope, God is hope, God is hope.

Theme Conversation

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**

Children's Hymn

Know that God is peace, know that God is peace
 Know that God is peace, God is peace, God is peace.

Know that God is love, know that God is love
 Know that God is love God is love, God is love.

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:

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Reader: These are our sacred stories

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Psalm 71 VU 789 --part 1 (1-6)

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading:

Luke 4: 21-30

Reader: Glory be to you, O God

All: Praise be to you, O Christ

Ministry of Music
Paxton

At the Name of Jesus -by D.

Sermon

Offertory Invitation

One: We now have an opportunity to support this place of worship. The finances we offer allow many to gather here, to worship, renewed and uplifted. Your offerings to this church and to Mission and Service touch many lives. Let us receive our morning offering:

Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards

Offertory Hymn I'm Gonna Shout, Shout

I'm gonna shout, shout, shout out my love
For Jesus, for Jesus!

I'm gonna shout, shout, shout out my love
For God's most holy child!

**Chorus: For whatever I might do today
At home, at school, at work, at play
I've got Jesus' love deep down inside me!**

I'm gonna raise, raise, raise up my hands
For Jesus, for Jesus!

I'm gonna raise, raise, raise up my hands
For God's most holy child!

(Chorus)

I'm gonna dance, dance, dance all around
For Jesus, for Jesus!

I'm gonna dance, dance, dance all around
For God's most holy child!

(Chorus)

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)

Empowering God; you have put words in our mouth and
 gifts in our being. We dedicate all that we have and all
 that we are to spreading the word—your word—with
 voices born of love. Amen

Prayers of Thanksgiving and 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!

Closing Hymn In the Darkness Shines the Splendor
 VU 92

Commissioning and Benediction

One: God whose voice cascades in and through this place,
 pour out your spirited words into our mouths. May we
 journey beyond these walls as prophets speaking your

truth, disciples showing your way, and companions in Christ's name.

All: 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 our loved ones.

Scripture for Sunday, February 7th – **Lorraine Redstone**

Isaiah 6: 1-8 (9-13)

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

Greeter for February 7th : Wendy Watson & Shelley Shillington

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.*

Stacie Watson, Shirley Whitebone, Tashia Phillips, Marion Stackhouse

CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **UCW** will be holding their meeting on Tuesday evening, February 2nd in the Parlor. All women are welcome to attend.

Our annual **Knit-A-Thon** will be held on Saturday, **February 13th**. Sign up and sponsor sheets are on the back table if anyone is interested. Please help support our knitters!!

Vision Team will be holding a meeting on Monday, **February 15th** at 7pm.

"Mmmm....Pancakes....." We will be holding a **Pancake Supper** on **Tuesday, February 16th** at **6:30pm** in the CE Hall. Hope to see everyone!! Sponsored by Silver Falls Scouting.

Youth Group will be holding their regular meeting on Saturday, February 6 & 27th from 7-8:30am. They will be having a Valentines Party on February 13th from 7-9pm.

There will be an **Ash Wednesday Service** held on Tuesday evening, **February 16th** at **7:15pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend!

The **Unified Board** will be meeting on Tuesday, **February 23rd** at 7pm in the boardroom. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Church In Action Committee of Saint John Presbytery is holding a **toiletry drive** beginning January 12, 2010 until February 7, 2010. They are looking for everything including razors, toothbrushes, combs, brushes and, face clothes. If you can help out bring your donations to the church-- we can arrange for pick-up in February. Thanks for your generosity. All toiletries will be dispensed to the Clothing Bank, Aids Saint John, Community Chaplaincy and Coverdale.

Pancake Supper at Portland United Church, 50 Newport Crescent on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 from 4:30-6:30pm. Pancakes, sausages, beans, hash browns, gingerbread w/whipped cream and beverage. Tickets \$7 adults, \$5 children under 12. Available at church office 632-4030.

Attention!! Check out the fresh new web pages for the Maritime Conference United Church Men! The URL is the same as before <http://www.marconf.ca/ucmen.htm>

Coverdale Centre for Women are asking if there are any church groups interested in preparing lunch for the clients of the Centre. Each Wednesday the Centre prepares and serves lunch to women who are in need of a meal. The preparation of the food (to be supplied) can be done at the Centre or at another locale and delivered to the Centre. If interested and wanting more information please call Nancy Porter Executive Director at 634-1649.

An Auction and Canteen in support of the ministry of All Saints Anglican Church Loch Lomond, (218 Route 820 – Barnesville Road) will be held on Friday, February 12, 2010. Viewing of the many new items up for bid will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the auction will start at 7:00 p.m.

A Valentine's Day Variety Concert will be held at All Saints (Parish of Simonds) Upper Loch Lomond on Sunday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m. Gordon Brown, George Urquhart, Greg Hiltz, our choir and the children of our Sunday School, are just a few of the entertainers for this event. A free will offering will go towards the Haiti disaster relief. Refreshments will follow.