

Silver Falls United Church

Sunday, February 21, 2010

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

* ***Please stand if able.***

Personal Prayer of Preparation

Journey with us, O God, through this day, through this season. May we follow your leading and draw strength from your presence beside us. And in those times and places we feel alone, help us to trust you still as Companion and Savior. Amen

Organ Prelude

Entrance of Color Party

"O Canada" **VU #524**

Introit Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery
VU 121,
vs 1&4

Call to Worship **(responsively)**

One: Sisters and brothers, Lenten pilgrims, together
we embark on a wilderness journey.

All: Pilgrims on a road of awe and wonder.

One: We journey through places of solitude, questions, reflection.

All: Pilgrims on a road of self-discovery and learning.

One: We journey through times of alienation, hunger, thirst.

All: Pilgrims on a road to oasis and refreshment.

One: We journey through struggles born of circumstance or choice.

All: Pilgrims on a road to acceptance and healing.

One: We journey through the hills and valleys of faithful living.

All: Pilgrims on a road to compassion and liberation.

One: We make this journey together—side-by-side—moving with Christ to the beat of God’s heart.

All: Pilgrims on the road to risen life.

Lenten Candle Liturgy—Lent I

Meditation

One: Let us pray:

All: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen

Opening Hymn

I Danced in the Morning

VU 352 vs

1,3,4 & 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: Beckoning spirit, guiding hand: You go before us, leading us into the unknown—deeper and deeper into a landscape full of reflection and searching for truth, stripped of things that distract and indulge us.

All: We confess that we are often afraid to enter this journey of faith. In the silences we wonder what we will learn about ourselves and what others will see in us. The emptiness can make us feel anxious—a testing place as we tread into the unknown.

One: Give us courage, O God and help us to see the Christ before us, we pray.

All: Sometimes we feel we need endless comforts and the sounds and things that will make life easier. Then we find we need to do just one more thing before we go. Help us to let go of excess baggage and follow you now, O God.

One: To travel lightly with your Spirit, we pray.

All: If we forget or leave behind those who would slow us down, impatient to stay with our agendas and schedules, remind us of your abiding love for all people.

One: This we pray in faith. Amen

Words of Assurance

One: Calling us, leading us, guiding us, God gathers us in compassion and grace. This Sacred Presence is our map, this Sacred

Presence is our way, this Sacred Presence is our destination.

All: Amen

Faith in Action
Life and Work of the Church

Children's Hymn Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
 Son of God among us
 Thank you for every sign
 Showing that you love us

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
 Word made flesh among us
 Thank you for every sign
 Showing that you love us

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

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
Sacrifice among us
Thank you for every sign
Showing that you love us

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
Risen Lord among us
Thank you for every sign
Showing that you love us

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:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Reader: These are our sacred
stories

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Psalm 91 VU 808

Epistle: Romans 10: 8-13
 Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 1-13
 Reader: Glory be to you, O
 God
**All: Praise be to you,
 O Christ**

Ministry of Music Take My Yoke Upon
 You
 by J. Martin

Sermon

Offertory Invitation

One: Today, O God, we offer the whole and the broken pieces of our lives to you, to bless and transform, to be blessing to us and to the world. Let us receive our morning offering:

Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards

Offertory Hymn As the Sun with Longer Journey
VU 111

Dedication of Offering VU 541

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
 Praise Him, all creatures here below,
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

***Offertory Prayer (unison)**

**God of the journey we bring these gifts to you,
 the fruits of our work to share with others on
 the journey of life. Add to them with your
 blessings and, as they are filled, may we be
 filled also with the desire to give back to you all
 you have given us. 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 I Love To Tell the Story VU 343

Commissioning and Benediction

One: Let us go forth, hearts filled with story, mouths filled
 with prayer, breath filled with song, companions side-
 by-side, nourished for the challenge ahead. Amen

God Save The Queen

God save our gracious Queen

Long live our noble Queen

God save the Queen.

Send her victorious

Happy and glorious

Long to reign over us

God save the Queen.

Retiring of the Color Party**Choral Blessing**

VU 967

Amen, Amen, 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 Charles H Allen by Gwen, Dave, Craig, Robin, Bailey and Taylor Young;
And also in loving memory of parents Fred and Anne MacLean and mother Alison***

Crawley by Fred and Candace Crawley and girls.

Scripture for Sunday, February 28th – **Don Watson**

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3: 17 to 4:1

Luke 4: 21-30

Greeter for February 28th – **Howard Inniss**

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, and Marion Stackhouse and Jim Morris

Our condolences to Connie Bustin and her family in the loss of her mother, Joyce Corbett. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Thank you.....

David and Lorna Ellis would like to thank the members of their church family for the outpouring of support during the recent loss of David's mom, Minnie Ellis. To the many who visited the funeral home and attended the funeral. For the numerous memorial donations to the charities of their choice,

sympathy cards, phone calls and food brought to our home, words cannot express how much we appreciated your care and concern.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is called to meet on Sunday, February 28th following the service for our **Congregational Annual Meeting**. Any motions that need to be brought forward need to be to the office **before the February 23rd** Board meeting.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided.

“Words That Last Forever!” A series of special services for our Lenten Season. Join us each Wednesday during Lent at 11:00am beginning Wednesday, February 24, 2010. Service dates are March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31.

Renewals for **The Observer** are being taken now. Cost is \$20 for the year. If you'd like to renew your subscription, or if anyone would like to have a subscription for the 2010 year, please let Tammy in the office know as soon as possible. 696-1410

Come and join us for our Youth Retreat, "**Risk Taking Faith Retreat**". It will be held on May 14 to 16 at Camp Wegesegum (Chipman NB) This retreat is open to youth grades 9 – 12 of all denominations. We look forward to exploring the theme "Risk Taking Faith" in many ways; worship, games, reflection and discussion Come and enjoy a weekend full of "F" words. Fun, Friends, Faith, Food and Fellowship, that is. See Victoria or Andrew for more information or visit www.risktakingfaith.webs.com

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

Youth Group will be holding their regular meeting on Saturday, February 27th from 7-8:30am.

On **Sunday March 7th** the youth group is hosting a **cake walk** and congregation lunch after church.

It will be \$2 to enter a round. We hope that everyone will come and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship. I am looking for people to donate decorated cakes for this event. If you are able to donate a cake please see me between now and March 7th so that I know how many cakes we will have. The proceeds from this event will help pay for the youth retreat that we are holding in May.

*MMMM...is that Ham I'm smelling? Beans? Scallop?.....**April 17th**.....stay tuned...more info to come!*

Youth group is looking for donations of **china tea cups** for the Mother's Day Tea. Donations can be given to Victoria/Andrew or left in the youth group room.

Word Day of Prayer – “Let everything that has breath praise God”. Saint James Lakewood Anglican Church, 2000 Loch Lomond Road, is hosting this years World Day of Prayer service, Friday, March 5th at 7:00pm. This years focus is on the women of Cameroon, with special speaker Rev. Ellen Curtis. Reception to follow. Anyone in the congregation or choir who would like to participate, please see Gwen Young.

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.

St. Mark's Annual Shamrock Supper will be held on March 13th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Please come and enjoy the Roast

Beef Dinner and Irish Music. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Tickets can be reserved by calling 672-3320 or purchased at the door.

Students of Music from the Heart present

A BIT OF BROADWAY

March 26th - 7:30PM

Main St. Baptist Church

Admission: \$10; 10 and under: FREE

*Tickets available from Music from the Heart 651-0579,
Veronica's Music 657-2790*

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.