



# Silver Falls United Church

**Sunday, March 7th, 2010**

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

\* **Please stand if able.**

## **Personal Prayer of Preparation**

God of table and God of open door, thank you for your invitation. You feed the deep places in our spirits and speak the words that evoke turning for the good. Send your Spirit to guide us in turning toward and trusting in you. Amen

## **Organ Prelude**

**Introit** Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

**VU 121, vs 1&4**

## **Call to Worship**

One: God will surprise us with kindness. Our lives will be carried beyond the horizons of human mercy and enriched with overflowing love. Pause, turn around on the Lenten road and see a new reality. On this road we may find in faith the free gifts of God through Christ. Then, in, celebration, we will refresh the world, with generosity beyond the commonplace.

**Prayer of Approach** (in unison)

**Invite us to the banquet of new life flowing from your generous heart, O God. Help us to receive the love which is spread across the table of life and into which we are gathered this day. All to our hearts in invitation. Take our hands now, we pray, and lead us toward your gifts. Amen**

**Lenten Candle Liturgy—Lent III**

Meditation

One: Let us pray:

**All: Draw us together in your love, O God. May our restless hearts not resist you, but continue to search until they find their rest in you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

**Opening Hymn**

As the Sun With Longer Journey

**VU 111**

**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** (unison)

**Hospitable God, you invite us again and again to the table of abundant feasting in your love, but we seem assume to the aromas of your lovingly prepared bounty. We choose instead to be satiated for the moment—but never satisfied for long—by empty, easy offerings around us. We so often settle into the comfort of convenience, failing to notice that our lives have run dry. Sometimes we deprive our lives with guilt, reducing the dimensions of your mercy to our own. As we pause to know who we are, O God, bring to us the echoes of your gentle words down the ages, we pray.**

## **Words of Assurance**

One: Taste now the peace that lies within grace. Drink to the full all that God offers to us. Let us lift up our hearts in thankfulness.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen**

## **Faith in Action**

### **Life and Work of the Church**

#### **Children's Hymn**

Jesus Bids Us Shine

**VU 585 vs 1, 2**

## **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**

**VU 585 vs 3**

## **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 55: 1-9

Reader: These are our sacred stories

**All: Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

**Psalm 63 VU 781 refrain 2**

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading:

Luke 13: 1-9

Reader: Glory be to you, O God

**All: Praise be to you, O Christ**

## **Ministry of Music**

Our Great Savior

by R.W. Prichard

arr. by Gene Thomas

## **Sermon**

## **Offertory Invitation**

One: Sharing ourselves and our resources is an essential part of being a community of faith. When we each give our fair share, the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ flourishes and bears much fruit. The gifts we offer to the ministries of this church and of our Mission & Service Fund help combat hopelessness in our hurting world. Let us present our offering.

## **Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards**

## **Offertory Hymn**

Said Judas to Mary

**VU 129**

## **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)

**Gracious and loving God, we offer these monetary gifts and those already given through our Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program. May they transform hopelessness into courage, anxiety into trust, and doubt into faithfulness. 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!

**Response: Dear God, as a hen covers her chicks with her wings to keep them safe, protect us this day under your golden wings.**

## **Commissioning and Benediction**

One:      The Lenten way stretches out before us; may we depart the sheltering oasis of God's protection—our thirst quenched with the waters of God's generous gifts, as we rise up refreshed to continue on the way.

**All:      Amen**

**Three-Fold Amen: Amen! Amen! Amen! VU 967**

**Closing Hymn Give Thanks For Life VU 706 (tune 705)**

## **Choir Recessional**

## **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 loved ones.**

### **Scripture** for Sunday, March 14th – **Barb Mahaffy**

Joshua 5: 9-12

Psalm 31

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

### **Greeter** for March 14th – **Wayne & Nancy Doucette**

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, Leonard Cyr, Hartley Biggs, Marion Stackhouse and Jim Morris**

## Church and Community Announcements

Someone has said that if Christians really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. Did you know that during World War II there was an adviser for Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace?

Let us as a group of people organize the same thing here at Silver Falls.. If you would like to participate: Every evening at 9:00 p.m. stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of Canada, our troops, and our citizens; and that our leaders will seek God's direction. If you know anyone else who would like to participate, please pass this along.

**"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](http://www.risktakingfaith.webs.com)

On **Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

It's what you've been waiting for!! The UCW will be holding a **Ham, Beans & Scallop Dinner** on **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**. Tickets are \$8 per person (\$4 children under 8). Tickets can be purchased from any UCW member or from the office at 696-1410. Hope to see everyone there!!

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.

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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

Tracy Friars & Steve Bell invite you to join them for an afternoon of Christian and Inspirational music at the Imperial Theatre on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. Both Tracy & Steve share a deep rooted faith and have been privileged to share that faith through music for many years. **Tickets go on sale March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Imperial and on their website** and range in price

from \$30 – \$25 - \$20. It is anticipated that tickets will sell quickly so don't miss out.

## Happy **MARCH** Birthday to:

Gail Bustin	John Woollven	Shirley Whitebone	Tom Bennett
Fred Quigley Thompson	George Smith	Andrea Carter	Dana
Veneita Bustin	Courtney Bustin	Hartley Biggs	Julia Bustin
Danny Ryan	Shelly Shillington	John Redstone	Katrina Richard
David Young	Jill Compton	Jenny Ryan	Ann McAllister

**Happy Birthday to all of you!!**  
**Hope all your birthday wishes come true!!**

Each month we're going to try and announce our congregations birthdays!! If you know of someone who will be celebrating a birthday and want it announced, please let Tammy in the office know and we'll make sure to add their name! 696-1410