



# Silver Falls United Church

**Palm Sunday, March 28th, 2010**

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

\* **Please stand if able.**

## **Personal Prayer of Preparation**

Blessed are you, Holy One, for your coming among us in Jesus as one humble in power, as one gentle in strength. Loosen our praise this day. And remind us such praise cries out for your saving ways that beckon us to follow Jesus into this week. Amen

## **Organ Prelude**

**Introit**      Lift Up the Gates Eternal

## VU 750 Refrain, Verse 4,

### Refrain

#### **Call to Worship** (responsively)

One: Behold, Jesus comes in the name of the Lord!

**All: Hosanna! We come to the great parade, reaching out for salvation, stretching out for new words to enliven us, jumping up to grasp the Divine.**

One: Behold! Jesus comes as a humble servant.

**All: Hosanna! We come to the great table, reaching out to be fed, stretching out for God's embrace, jumping up to celebrate in joy.**

One: Behold, Jesus comes to turn the world upside down.

**All: Hosanna! We come to the great circus, reaching out to support each other's tumbles, stretching out into new postures, jumping up to grasp the trapeze of faith.**

One: Let us pray together:

**All: Celebration and joy, O God, are all we want, yet the shadow of the cross falls across our path. Sustain us as the contrasts of light and darkness inform our worship. Guide us to find new realities in your story. Open us to the life you offer from palm to cross. Amen**

#### **Prayer of Approach** (in unison)

**Ground of all being, our purpose is found in the relationship that exists between you and**

**ourselves. You know the way by which we are called. May we find the way to become closer to you as this week unfolds. Creator God, through your wisdom give us a clearer vision of your intention, so we may find the path of intention that is our calling to be disciples of your son Jesus Christ. Amen**

Lenten Candle Liturgy—Lent VI

Meditation

One: Let us pray:

**All: Loving God, there are so many choices before us every day. Choices offered by our friends, our families, our culture, our own past. Some of them encourage the well-being of the earth, ourselves and our neighbors; others are destructive. Help us to distinguish between them. May we learn from the choices of Jesus and embody compassion, justice, and inclusion in all we say and do. Amen**

Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honour

**VU 122**

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)

**O God, we come to you with broad smiles and laughing eyes, yet underneath the seeming celebration, we are broken. We yearn for one thing yet do something quite different. We want to be healthy and whole, but we follow temptation's lure with little hesitation. Too often our palm branches of welcome turn into crosses of disease. Open us to your healing love, O God, in Jesus' name.**

**Words of Assurance (responsively)**

One: Jesus come to fill our lives.

**All: Though the journey is fraught with peril,  
still we set our faces toward the light,  
carrying our crosses of dis—ease.**

One: Jesus walks the same road with us,

**All: as we embrace the resurrection life offered  
there. Amen**

**Faith in Action**

**Life and Work of the Church**

**Children's Hymn**

Come, Children, Join to Sing  
**VU 345 verses 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 345 verse 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:**

**Psalm 118   VU 837   parts 1, 3 & 4**

Gospel Reading:     **Luke 19:28-40**

Reader: Glory be to you, O God

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

**Ministry of Music           Hosanna to the King  
   by L. Larsen**

**Sermon**

**Offertory Invitation**

One:     Because of the Easter story, we know how  
           this story ends...with life anew. The gifts we offer

to the ministries of this church and of our Mission & Service Fund help release us from the fear of death. Let us present our morning offering.

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

#### **Offertory Hymn** **348**

O Love, How Deep - **VU**

#### **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)

**May these gifts be far more than 30 pieces of silver. Instead of money that destroys, may you, O God, bless our offerings as life for the world, helping to heal brokenness and to bring new life to others. 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** **127**

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty    **VU**

## **Commissioning and Benediction**

One: God is eternally faithful. The God who rejoiced with Jesus as he was acclaimed by the Palm Sunday crowd, celebrates with you as you leave this place. The God who stayed with Jesus as he endured agony and death on that dark hill, will stand with you in the testing times of life. God is eternally faithful.

**All: Amen**

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

## **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, April 4th – **Veneita Bustin**

**Isaiah 65: 17-25**

**Psalms 118 parts 1,2,3**

**1 Corinthians 15: 19-26**

**Luke 24: 1-12**

**Greeter** for April 4th – **Clare & Andrew McLean**

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.

**Kayla Daigle, Shirley Whitebone, Tashia Phillips, Hartley Biggs, Marion Stackhouse, Marguerite Gault & Betty MacDougall**

### **Birth Announcement!!**

**Joan & John Hickie are delighted to announce the birth of their grandson, Connor Douglas, weighing 6lbs, 11oz, on March 16, 2010. Proud parents are Bryan & Carole Evans of New Market, Ontario.**

### **CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**"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.**

A **Flea Market/Book Sale/Bake Sale** is taking place on **Saturday, May 8** from **8:30am to 12:30pm** in the C.E. Hall. Tables are available for only \$10 by contacting Barbara Mahaffy at 696-6269, Pam Carter at 696-5221 or by calling the church office at 696-1410. Don't be disappointed – book your table now! More details to follow in April.

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)

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!!

**Easter Sunrise Service** will be April 4th at the Reservoir at 6:45am. We invite you back to the church for Easter breakfast followed by our morning service at 11:00am.

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.

Area Hospitals – Important Notice: Some new procedures for admitting patients have been put in place. Patients will now only appear on lists if they answer "yes" to the two questions asked about their

Faith Group that they will be asked when they are admitted. Please tell people about the new system, and tell the Minister if people you know go into hospital. Better to be told more than once than not to know at all. Thank you very much for your help.

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.

The Alto Mare Orchestra and Chorus, directed by Hok Kwan, present an All-Bach Choral Concert on Apr. 2nd, Good Friday, from 7:30 - 8:30 PM. Program features Bach's Cantata "Christ Lay in Death's Bonds", along with other orchestral and solo works by Bach and congregational hymns. Soloists are Wai-chung (Rachel) Kwan, mezzo soprano; and David Mitchell, bass-baritone. The concert takes place at First Wesleyan Church, 399 Boars Head Road, Millidgeville, Saint John. Admission by freewill offering, with proceeds to be directed in part to earthquake relief projects. Tel: 634-8900.

### **For Reflection:**

" Your thoughts are the most powerful tool that you have, and can create so many things in your life. They can open up doorways you never thought

possible. Your thoughts can be positive or they can be negative. They can be bad or good. They can be about success, or failure, or about being wealthy in life, or being of poor circumstances. Your thoughts are, what you choose them to be. The most important thing of all, is that you recognize and understand, that you are guided and directed by your thoughts. They play a tremendous role in your day to day life, and in reality, a huge role in who you are today. Today, and in the future, think thoughts that will shape you into who you only dream of being. Your thoughts will direct you to where you want to go, and your action behind your thoughts will take you there."