

Silver Falls United Church

Sunday, April 25th, 2010

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Duty Team May: Sharon Maguire, Donna Melanson,
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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

*** Please stand if able.**

Personal Prayer of Preparation

Fill us with the presence of your Spirit, God, and help us grow as disciples. Help us seek those who show us how to serve neighbours through life-giving words and deeds, and make us bold to follow their example.

Organ Prelude

Introit When Morning Gilds the Skies
VU 339 verses 1 & 2

Call to Worship (responsively)

One: By the power of God's Spirit we rise and embrace this new day. The Holy Spirit will touch our places of brokenness and we will be healed, our eyes will open to new possibilities. We come to worship the one who makes us whole, the

one in whose name we serve, the one who gives our work meaning.

All: Praise be to God! Amen

Prayer of Approach (in unison)

Great calling God, you call us to journey in faith; to risk for the gospel; to leave our comfort zones; to venture into the unknown. Assure us that you will be with us every step of the way. Amen

Opening Hymn Shall We Gather at the River
VU 710

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)

We are a broken people. We lose our way. We try and try to follow you and yet we keep on stumbling. Please lead us and hold us up. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen

Words of Assurance

One: Creator God is with you always. God will be there to hold you up when you fall and to put you together when you are hurting and broken. God loves you. Hallelujah!

Faith in Action
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Children's Hymn When I Needed A Neighbour
VU 600, vs 1, 2 & 3

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 600, vs 4 & 5**

Introit for the Word

One: These words—these holy words—have echoed through time, shaping lives, shaping cultures, shaping nations. Words of faith, words of knowledge, words of history, food for our soul, lessons for our life. Amen

Scripture Readings: (to be read by Katrina Richard)

First Reading:

Acts 9:36-43

Reader: These are our sacred stories

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm: **VU 749 Psalm 23 Refrain 1**

Epistle: **Revelation 7:9-17**

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel: **John 10:22-30**

Reader: Glory be to you, O God

All: Praise be to you, O Christ

Ministry of Music This Joyful Eastertide
Arranged by: C. Wood

Sermon

Offertory Invitation

One: Let us reclaim our voices of praise and thanksgiving, for we, like the saints of all the ages, have seen marvelous gifts. We join their chorus, giving thanks for gifts and blessings received. Let us receive our morning offering

Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards

Offertory Hymn Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns
Above

- **VU 216**

Dedication of Offering

Bless Thou the gifts of our hands have brought
Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought
The rest, O God, is in Thy hand. Amen.

Offertory Prayer (unison)

**Generous God, we offer these gifts and those
already given through the Pre-Authorized
Remittance (PAR) program, with joy and
thanksgiving for the gifts we have received.**

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 The Lord's My Shepherd **VU 747**

Commissioning and Benediction

One: Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I
know them, and they follow me." Rise up and

go into the world where the Spirit of Christ is already at work, feeding, clothing, caring, tending.

All: We will go in the name of Jesus to be the Body of Christ in our time and place. Amen. Let it be so.

Choral Blessing (tune-Edelweiss)

May the Lord, gracious Lord,
Bless and keep you forever,
Grant you peace, grant you grace,
Courage in ev'ry endeavour

Glory to God, may He hear our song
Guard and guide you ever,
May the Lord, gracious Lord,
Bless and keep you forever.

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, May 2nd – **Marion Sherwood**

Acts 11: 1-8

Psalm 148

Revelation 21: 1-6

John 13: 31-35

Greeter for May 2nd – Sharon Maguire & Donna Melanson

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.

Tashia Phillips, Hartley Biggs, Marion Stackhouse, Marguerite Gault & Betty MacDougall

Condolences to Harold & Marlene Marks and family for the loss of their brother, Rev. Tom Knox. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. We would ask that any items for the church tables be left at the church **after** May 1. We are **unable** to accept large appliances, furniture or tires. Save those novels! We are looking for **hard and soft cover novels only**.

Volunteers are needed to set up the hall on Friday evening, to run the canteen during the Flea Market and to man the church tables on Saturday. Donations for the Bake Sale table and canteen would also be appreciated. We are also looking for volunteers to transport the unsold items to Value Village at the close of the Flea Market. There are sign up sheets at the back of the church if you would like to help out on May 8th. Thank you.

The **Silver Falls CGIT Group** would like to ask for your support in providing a potluck supper for those participants of our 95th Anniversary Celebration happening on Saturday, May 1st. We are planning for approximately 50 people and will need a variety of casseroles, salads and desserts. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church and we would ask that donations be dropped off at the church on Saturday, May 1st between 10:00am and 3:00pm.

Faith in Action in conjunction with the **Unified Board** has designated the month of May as "**Stewardship Month**". It's a time to celebrate our time, talents and our money! There will be a meeting on Monday evening, April 26th at 7:00pm at Sharon Maguire's house. If anyone is interested in attending please see Sharon.

Scout Lunch following the service on Sunday, May 16th.

Silver Falls is now on Facebook!! A new group has been started to keep you informed of what's going on here in our Church Community! It's a great way to keep in touch, share thoughts, advertise events, a link to our website, and to be able to share all this information with your friends! Join now!

There will be a sale of "**nearly new**" **spring and summer clothing** at Saint David's United Church, 7 Gondola Point Road, Rothesay on Friday, April 30 from 4 – 8 pm, and on Saturday, May 1 from 9 am until noon. There will also be used toys and baby equipment for sale. Proceeds will be used by the Outreach Committee for local and international projects.

Treble Clef Singers are having a concert on:

WHEN: MONDAY MAY 17, 2010

WHERE: Forest Hills School, Glengarry Drive off of the Westmorland Road, East Saint John, NB

TIME: 7:00PM

Along with our guest performers we would like to take you on a sentimental journey with music from the forties and

fifties. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available from any Treble Clef member or at the door.

Saint Andrews United Church, Norton, NB,
of the APOHAQUI/NORTON/KINGS KIRK PASTORAL charge
Celebrates **100 YEARS**: May 23, 2010 at 2 PM. Guest
Speaker, Special Music & Reception

Members of Portland United Church Men are having their Annual Banquet on Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30pm at Portland United Church. As in past years, we are extending a friendly invitation to members of the United Church of Canada, in our area, to be with us. Come and enjoy an evening of food, devotions, fellowship and hear an interesting and informative message from our guest speaker Bruce Smith, Chaplain of the Saint John Seadogs. The cost is \$12 at the door. Please reserve you place by advising Paul Potter 645-7235 on or before Friday May 7th, 2010

Rebels With A Cause – Dinner and Silent Auction, May 6, 2010 6:00pm at the Lily Lake Pavilion. **Tickets are \$65 (with a \$35 tax receipt)**. Honouring Phyliss Beckingham (Romero House), Arlene Brawley & Mary Beth McCurdy (Sophia House), Elizabeth Weir (Efficiency NB) for their outstanding contributions to the Greater Saint John Community. Hosted by the Elizabeth Fry Society of Saint John, NB Inc. For information, contact Marian Perkins at 696-4017

A Smile:

There was a tradesman, a painter called Jock,
who was very interested in making a penny where he could,
so he often would thin down paint
to make it go a wee bit further.
As it happened,
he got away with this for some time

A local Church decided to do a big restoration job
on the painting of one their biggest churches.

Jock put in a bid,
because his price was so low, he got the job.
And so he set to erecting the trestles
and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes,
I am sorry to say, thinning it down.

Well, Jock was up on the scaffolding, painting away,
the job nearly completed
when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder,
and the sky opened,
the rain poured down,
washing the thinned paint from all over the church
and knocking Jock clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn,
among the gravestones,
surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless
paint.

Jock was no fool.
He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty,
so he got on his knees and cried:
"Oh, God! Forgive me!
What should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke...
"Repaint! Repaint! and thin no more!"