



# Silver Falls United Church

**Sunday, May 9th, 2010**

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

\* **Please stand if able.**

## **Personal Prayer of Preparation**

Ever-guiding Spirit, open us to the paths you call us to travel. Open us to the ones with whom you would have us minister. May we welcome one another with hearts of grace, that together we may be hospitable to your purposes. Amen

## **Organ Prelude**

**Introit** As the Deer Pants for the Water  
**VU 766 verse 1**

## **Call to Worship** (one)

One: Good morning! As we gather today for worship, may we be grateful for the blessings

we do have: friendships—freedom—family.  
Come let us worship God.

**Prayer of Approach & Confession** (responsively)

One: Our Father,

**All: our mother, our creator, our nurturer,  
shepherdess of our youth, overseer of our  
growing years,**

One: who art in heaven,

**All: who is and was always there, who is  
always in our hearts, who is there when we  
need her, bringing benediction to us in  
spiritual care, who revels in her creation,**

One: hallowed be thy name,

**All: special in our daily thoughts and deeds are  
her teachings, revered is the care she takes  
of us, in awe we hold her.**

One: Thy Kingdom come,

All: Her spirit is, was, and will be forever with us, in  
her world of love we will dwell, in recognition of  
her infinite grace and abiding love,

One: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

**All: we will try to see where healing is needed,  
by living as she taught us, we seek to  
follow her teachings to love our neighbours  
as ourselves, and to rejoice in the good  
fortune of others.**

One: Give us this day our daily bread;

**All: We receive the daily food she provides for  
us to eat, the spiritual nourishment she  
gives, in our day to day lives we try to take  
ownership for the duties she has set us;**

One: and forgive us our trespasses,

**All: giving us the opportunity to remember and reinforce our readiness to forgive others, so we can experience peace of mind when we know she forgives us and loves us,**

One: as we forgive those who trespass against us;

**All: as we are not always successful in our smug forbearance, but we remember fairness as she taught us, and can forgive in the humility of our own sins, we remember her loving care, her quick forgiveness;**

One: and lead us not into temptation,

**All: help us to remember her loving nature and the mercy with which she raised us, so we can pass it on,**

One: but deliver us from evil.

**All: we know we are sometimes tested but that we can return to her to be joyfully accepted with a full heart.**

One: for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory

**All: Our perfect mother, she lives in us and around us and through us, her legacy, her love, her grace,**

One: for ever and ever.

**All: and ever and ever.**

One: Amen.

### **Opening Hymn**

We Praise You O'God

### **VU 218**

### **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:

### **Faith in Action**

Note: In 2002 the Sudbury Presbytery Writing Team identified that if every member of the United Church increased their M&S giving by \$1.00 per month, the M&S Fund would receive over \$7 million more in a year.

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

**Children's Hymn** Praise Our Maker  
**VU 316, vs 1, 2**

### **Theme Conversation**

**Children's Hymn** **VU 316, vs 3**

### **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 Shelly Shillington)

First Reading:

**Acts 16:9-15**

Reader: These are our sacred stories

**All: Thanks be to God**

Psalm: **Psalm 67 VU 786**

Epistle: **Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading: **John 14:23-29**

Reader: Glory be to you, O God

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

**Christ**

**Ministry of Music** My Lord, What A Morning  
spiritual by: F.E. Page  
(womens choir)

### **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** (tune VU 437)

O God, You give to us in measure,  
 So great we cannot count the ways  
 We offer back all that we treasure  
 All that You gave throughout our days

We are Your stewards on this great earth  
 We must learn to provide for all  
 Help us, O God, to seek the moment  
 Your will is done, You heal us all.

**Offertory Prayer** (unison)

**With thanksgiving for all your blessings, and with a desire to participate in the church's ministry we bring these offerings. We ask that you will receive them, and receive us. Enable ministry to happen in this church. In Christ's name. 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!

**Commissioning and Benediction**

One: You have a God who is loyal and faithful.  
 Leave this place knowing God is with you and for you. May the love of God surround you, the peace of Christ uphold you, and the blessings of

the Holy Spirit go with you, this day and  
forevermore. Amen

**Closing Hymn**    Come, We That Love

**VU 714**

**Recessional**

**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 Lila and Allison Shillington by Joan and John Hickie and families.**

**In loving memory of Fred and Anne MacLean and Alison Crawley by Candace and Fred Crawley and family.**

**Scripture** for Sunday, May 16th – **Lorraine Redstone**

**Acts 16:16-34**

**Psalms 97**

**Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

**John 17:20-26**

**Greeter** for May 16th – **Jackie Dubee**

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**

## **CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CGIT, Explorers and Messengers** groups will be holding their closing banquet on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in the CE Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. This is a potluck banquet.

**Scout Lunch** following the service on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **PLANT, BAKE & BANGLE SALE!!**

The UCW will be holding their **Annual Plant Sale** on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 1:00pm.

A beautiful selection of perennials will be available again this year! Also available will be homemade baked goods! And new this year will be a jewelry table filled with beautiful accessories!! If you have any plants you might be splitting or jewelry you would like to dispose of please contact Gwen 696-6412 or any UCW member.

**Youth group** meeting on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7-8:30pm. All youth welcome!

### **UCW Choir for Sun. May 30**

We'd like to put together a choir of UCW members for the May 30 service to sing an easy anthem and lead the singing. We'll practice from 10:00 to 10:30 am on May. 23 and from 10:00 am to 10:45 on May 30. If you'd like to participate, please phone Ann McAllister at 847-4251 and leave a message.

**Food Bank Sunday** is Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. All food donations are greatly appreciated!

**Silver Falls is now on Facebook!!** A new facebook page 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!

**Book Launch of *SORROW: A SANCTIFYING TOUCH* By Jud Corey**

A self help book for people who have experienced a personal loss. At Fallsview Family Reception Center 390 Lancaster Avenue, Saint John, West on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Books for sale at 7pm and Autographs 7:30 Program: Reading, story telling, introduction of instruments of peace, singing, more sales and autographs. Refreshments by UCW Carleton-Kirk United Church

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

**Hampton United Church** will be hosting a **Marie Short Country/ Variety Concert on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 7:00pm**, at the Hampton United Church, Robb Court. Marie will be providing a great evening of entertainment with her regular group of Herb Isbill, Denny James, Donna Stephenson and Tim Wallace along with special guests Joe Ness "the Piano Man", Eddie Bertin and Matt Hayes on fiddle. Also, some possible surprise guests. Don't miss this great evening of entertainment. Refreshments available. Admission is \$10 at the door with the

proceeds to support Hampton United Church. All are welcome.

"Dinner Theate" Saturday May 15 at the Millstream Recreation Centre located in Berwick. Wonderful entertainment as you take part in a bus tour. A delicious meal and great fellowship. Join us! Please call Margaret @ 433-2635 or Linda @ 849-9393 to reserve your seat. \$25 Advance tickets only. Thanks for your support!

Trinity Church, Saint John is hosting one of the finest church choirs in Canada, the Kings College Choir from Halifax. This extraordinary choir is directed by Paul Halley who has five Grammy awards to his name, including one for a recording he made with Pete Seeger. The choir will be in Saint John on May 14<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Ascension with a Choral Eucharist at noon and an evening concert at 7:00pm, Trinity Church. Come and support this great choir and enjoy some of the most wonderful music on earth. A free will offering will help to defray the cost of the choir's tour.

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

### **Happy Mothers Day:**

Dear Lord, it's such a hectic day  
With little time to stop and pray  
For life's been anything but calm  
Since You called on me to be a mom

Running errands, matching socks  
 Building dreams with building blocks  
 Cooking, cleaning, and finding shoes  
 And other stuff that children lose  
 Fitting lids on bottled bugs  
 Wiping tears and giving hugs  
 A stack of last weeks mail to read  
 So where's the quiet time I need?  
 Yet when I steal a minute, Lord  
 Just at the sink or ironing board  
 To ask the blessings of Your grace  
 I see then, in my small one's face  
 That you have blessed me  
 All the while  
 And I stop to kiss  
 That precious smile  
 Unknown

Author

Over the centuries mothers have given their children plenty of good advice; here are some examples:

**COLUMBUS'S MOTHER:** I don't care what you've discovered, Christopher. You could have written.

**MICHELANGELO'S MOTHER:** Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?

**NAPOLEON'S MOTHER:** All right, Napoleon. If you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, then take your hand out of there and prove it.

**GOLDILOCKS'S MOTHER:** I've got a bill here for a broken chair from the Bear family. Do you know anything about this Goldie?

**ALBERT EINSTEIN'S MOTHER:** But, Albert, it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair? Styling gel, mousse, something...?

**THOMAS EDISON'S MOTHER:** Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb, Thomas. Now turn off that light and get to bed!

**HUMPTY DUMPTY'S MOTHER:** Humpty, If I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times not to sit on that wall. But would you listen to me? No!