



Silver Falls United Church

Sunday, May 16th, 2010

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

*** Please stand if able.**

Personal Prayer of Preparation

Free us, O God, from chains that stifle the free flow of your Spirit in our lives and out into your creation. Form us with worship and prayer that bind us to you and to one another. Lead us to rejoice in your presence, wherever your path may lead. Amen

Organ Prelude

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

Call to Worship (responsively)

One: Hear the sounds of the singing of cities. They celebrate their Creator and lift their hearts in hope, as the birds rise from among the towers

to greet the dawn. See the sun light up the world and the trees on the mountains swaying in delight as the lightning sparks excitement and the world bows before its Maker.

All: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness and we are among the people in this day who behold God's glory. Alleluia! Let us worship God!

Prayer of Approach (unison)

O God, you call us on, spreading out a pathway of alleluias ahead of us. It becomes grey, as the colours of our diversity mingle in hope. We pray that we will see its kindness and wisdom flowing forth before us today. As we try to move with you, we know that we will be faced with the same hard questions which challenged Christ's life. The greyness of our path into the future, gathers into its colour our questions. Be with us now, O God. Amen

Opening Hymn

We Are One

VU 402

Call To Confession

One: Despite our frailty and weakness, when we turn to God in confession, God accepts us and offers us forgiveness. Let us approach God...

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O God, we may long to move forward as witnesses to your way but many things hold us back; sometimes we simply cannot see the right way forward in our complex lives... Often we become distracted by our own agendas...

We can be afraid of the consequences of what we might do...

We find ourselves bound by our own choices, or lack of choices, as we face the world around us, O God. We are not as brave and free as some of the disciples of old. We grieve our lack of trust in you. Forgive us now. We pray in Christ's name. Amen

Words of Assurance

One: God's love is never bound by our limitations and failures. It rises renewed in each moment, waiting on the pathway of life to offer us grace. The chains which bind our lives are torn apart by the power of God's gift of forgiveness. Thanks be to God!

Faith in Action

Life and Work of the Church

Children's Hymn

People

The Church is Wherever God's

VU 579, 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 579 repeat verse 2**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 Barbara Mahaffy)

First Reading:

Acts 16:16-34

Reader: These are our sacred stories

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Psalm 97 VU 817

Epistle: **Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**
 Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel: **John 17:20-26**
 Reader: Glory be to you, O God
All: Praise be to you, O Christ

Ministry of Music The Penitent by: B.
 Van der Water
 Paul Bustin, baritone

Sermon

Offertory Invitation

One: As the Church, we have been honoured to be named
 the face and presence of Christ in the world. The light
 of our God will lead us on. This we believe and by this
 we will live as we present 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)

All that we bring to you today, O God, is part of an act of faith. We bring our gifts, this food and our lives, praying that you will expand them in every way, transforming what lies here into daring vehicles for change. 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 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of
 Life

VU 681 vs 1, 2, 4 & 5

Commissioning and Benediction

One: Leave the sanctuary of this sacred place and, in the power of the Spirit, break the chains of resistance to God's love in the world. May our feet tread steadfastly on the earth, which waits to be released from harm and oppression, and may Christ give us courage to break free into the realm of truth. Amen

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 Mr and Mrs S. Lewis Ewart Jr. and Mr and Mrs Ernest Butler by Murray and Evelyn Ewart.

In loving memory of husband Ron by Elvina Brighton and family.

Scripture for Sunday, May 23rd – **Donna**

Melanson

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17

Greeter for May 23rd – **Rita Moore**

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

Scout Lunch following the service today! Everyone is welcome!

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the Flea Market/Book Sale/Bake Sale last weekend. It was our most successful Flea Market to date and it wouldn't have happened without all your support and hard work. We realized a **profit of \$920.77 !!**

PLANT, BAKE, BOOK & BANGLE SALE!!

The UCW will be holding their **Annual Plant Sale** on Saturday, May 29th 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!! Plus lots of books for you readers out there! If you have any plants you might be splitting, books or jewelry you would like to dispose of please contact Gwen 696-6412 or any UCW member.

Unified Board meeting on Tuesday evening, May 18th at 7:00pm.

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

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! We now have almost 50 members! Check it out!!

The Champlain Heights Community Association/Neighbourhood Watch is hosting a **Spring Clean Up on Saturday, June 12, from 9:00 am – 1:00pm (rain or shine)**. Volunteers from the Association and the Champlain Heights community will come together and clean up the park area located in the circle across from Champlain Heights School. Volunteers are asked to register at the School upon arrival and there will be a BBQ and refreshments for those volunteering, as well as a chance to win some prizes for assisting. Gloves, vests and garbage bags will be provided. Everyone is welcome (children must be accompanied by parents/guardian). They are also looking

for donations of marigolds to plant in a planned flowerbed. As our church is located in the Champlain Heights community and has many members of the congregation who live in the area, it would be a great opportunity to do some outreach in the surrounding neighbourhood. If you would like to volunteer for this event or would like further information, please contact Barbara Mahaffy at 696-6269.

The Saint John Men's Chorus will be having a Spring Concert June 13, 7:30 PM at the Portland United Church. Tickets are \$15. SJMC is a group of male vocalists under the direction of David Mitchell and sing a balance of classical, popular and sacred music in four part harmony

The Carleton Choristers present their Spring Concert "Sound Bites" on Tuesday, June 1st at 7:30 p.m. at Carleton Kirk United Church, Saint John West. Tickets are \$8 and are available from choir members or at the door. Information: 672-8601

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.

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

For Reflection:

There are two days in every week that we should not worry about. Two days that should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One is **YESTERDAY**, with its mistakes and cares, its faults, and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed, forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed. Nor can we erase a single word we've said. Yesterday is gone!!

The other day we shouldn't worry about is **TOMORROW** with its impossible adversaries, its burden, its hopeful promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is beyond our control. Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a bank of clouds – but it will rise. And until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day – **TODAY**. A person can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when we add the burdens of yesterday and tomorrow that we break down. It is not the experience of today that drives people mad – it is the remorse for something that happened yesterday, and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us therefore, **LIVE ONE DAY AT A TIME.**