



Silver Falls United Church

Sunday, May 23rd, 2010

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Congregational Responses are in Bold print.

* Please stand if able.

Personal Prayer of Preparation

Come, Spirit, gather us as one. Gather us for worship and praise;
gather us to be formed in your word and your ways. Come, Spirit,
scatter us, one for all. Scatter us as your Body of Christ for the sake
of this God-loved world. Amen

Organ Prelude

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

Call to Worship (responsively)

One: Gentle Spirit of God, breath of life which
 touches each face with love,
All: you are with us and within us.

One: You are the melody of joy in all creation,
poured out in notes of hope and healing around
us all,

All: you are with us and within us.

One: Passionate Spirit, warming our hearts with the
bright flame of your caring,

All: you are with us and within us.

One: Divine Dreamer, who casts a glimpse of beauty
in the imaginations of all your children,

All: you are with us and within us.

One: Host of the table, you set a feast of grace and
welcome all to your bounty,

All: you are with us and within us.

One: On this day we name your coming, the Holy
One who never leaves us, nor forsakes us.

All: Stay with us now, Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ.

Prayer of Approach (unison)

Gather us in as those who wait to know you more
deeply, Holy Spirit. Speak to us in ways that reach
each heart and mind and light the fires of your life in
us. Then scatter us into the world, as bearers of
your sacred word and of a joy that cannot be
contained within these walls. Encircle us with your
grace and gather in all that we have received and
become, we pray. Amen

Opening Hymn Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

VU 378

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 Holy Spirit, our inspiration and our hope, forgive us if we only look for you in smooth, clear words and calm places. When the sounds are complex or unfamiliar, it is all too easy for us to close our ears. We often make up our minds and remain fixed, listening to one side of the story only, secure in our assumptions and convictions. Sometimes we find the world and its issues too complex and settle for leaving the big issues to others and concentrating on simple activities near to home. Then, sometimes, it seems much more comfortable to stay gathered here in the familiar places for faith rather than scattering ourselves abroad and opening ourselves to your wider life and vision. In your kindness, forgive us now, we pray.

Words of Assurance

One: The Spirit hovers like a dove of peace over our lives, waiting to give us new gifts each day. When we pause and face ourselves, owning the truth, God never refuses to gather us into the harmony of love. We are forgiven. Life is restored and renewed. Amen

Faith in Action

Life and Work of the Church

Men's Ensemble Here I am, Send Me – J.E. Parks

Children's Hymn Holy Spirit, Hear Us
VU 377, 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 377 verses 3 & 4

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 Donna Melanson)

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

Reader: These are our sacred stories

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm:
826

Psalm 104 VU 827 Refrain 1 VU

Epistle:

Romans 8:14-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading:

John 14:8-17

Reader: Glory be to you, O

God

All: Praise be to you, O

Christ

Ministry of Music I Feel the Spirit

By D.

Besig & N. Price

SermonOffertory 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 Faithful God, Faithful Steward
By N. Shegus

REFRAIN:

Faithful God, faithful steward, faithful follower of Christ

Here's my hand, I'll do my part and respond with all my heart

Faithful God, faithful steward, faithful follower of Christ

For the gifts that I receive I will respond

There's a place in this world of ours where the hungry people are fed

Refugees find a shelter from life, and the homeless find a bed

It's a place of love and caring and you need not look too far

For it dwells in the heart of the faithful steward and
 acting out their part
 (Refrain)

There's a change in the wind today feel the Spirit stir
 in your soul
 See the new trail unbroken ahead full of mysteries
 yet untold
 It's a path of dreams and visions carved by what we
 do and say
 Step by step, hand in hand, we will build the future,
 in God's name we pray
 (Refrain)

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)

Add your love to all that lies here, O God. Make our
 giving, our prayers, and our commitment an archway
 to life in the world which adds to that of others and
 carries with it openness to new possibilities for truth
 and justice. Amen.

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 Harold and Lily Marks by John and Lorraine Redstone and Harold and Marlene Marks.

Scripture for Sunday, May 30th – UCW

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

John 16:12-15

Romans 5:1-5

Greeter for May 30th – UCW

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

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.

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.

A giant indoor Flea Market will be held in the church hall of St. Andrew & St. David, 164 Germain Street on Saturday, June 5th from 9am-12pm.

Please join the Rothesay-Kings Rotary Girls Choir as they present a special Anniversary Concert. "Celebrating 20 Years of Song" with Special Guests: Sea Belles, 4th Avenue, Jillian Bonner and Lauren Estey as well as Former Members of the Rothesay-Kings Rotary Girls Choir. Monday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Gondola Point Road, Rothesay. Tickets are \$10.00; Children 12 and under \$6.00. Tickets available at the Door or in advance by sending an email to rkrqc@yahoo.ca or by calling 847-9472.

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.

For Reflection:

May God bless you completely
And may
You be a blessing too

Granting
Others a path to enlightenment through the
Delight in you

Beacons of light

Let us be
Energy that we might shine
So that the good & divine
Send more of a lifeline ever so sweetly

You, may God bless you completely
On top of what you
Usually see

Completely
Outward, inward, indiscreetly
May you be blessed as God has blessed me
Peace be with you always
Love be with you
Endlessly
Truth be yours forever
Each breath never friendless be
Let today make
You receptive...

... To the gift that's come to pass
May God bless you completely
And may you realize that He has