

SILVER FALLS



UNITED CHURCH

Palm Sunday Service

April 17, 2011

Silver Falls United Church

Sunday, April 17, 2011

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

** Please stand if able.*

Personal Prayer of Preparation

Shepherd of All, bring us safely through the dangers that threaten us and restore us to wholeness of life. Prepare a table and call us to your banquet. Strengthen us by your grace to care for your flock, that all may share in your promises. Amen.

Sixth Sunday in Lent

*****Today's service is being led by Rev. Doreen Daley***

Organ Prelude

Introit

Lift Up the Gates Eternal

Lift up the gates eternal, lift up your voices

For God in glory comes, the nation rejoices

Come, lift your voices high

Be lifted to glory

*The saviour God approaches
Come, shout the story.*

Call to Worship (responsively)

One: Jesus enters Jerusalem.

People: Our journey through Lent is almost over.

One: Jesus enters the city riding on a colt.

People: The crowd shouted "Hosanna, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

One: The people were all around the Savior waving their palms.

People: We come with a mixture of apprehension and excitement on this Sunday at the beginning of Holy Week!

One: Are we ready to journey on through the rest of this week?

Prayer of Approach (unison)

We come here with mixed feelings between joy and sorrow for we all know the story already. We want to celebrate the joy of Jesus entry into the Holy City. We have heard the stories of how the Savior showed love and compassion for all but we know how this story goes for most of us. This is not our first experience of Holy Week. We know how quickly the Hosannas can change and we can be convinced to shout: "crucify him!" We can see the cross on the hill in our mind and we know what will happen. This Sunday, we gather with mixed emotions. Amen.

Opening Hymn Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU 123

Call to Confession

One: If we can say we have not sinned, we may be deceiving ourselves, now with humility and faith, let us pray our Prayer of Confession:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Tender and Compassionate God, we confess that sometimes we are more concerned with how you still serve our needs than with how you might use us to serve the needs of others. We confess that we are often as fickle as the people of Jerusalem who traded in their palm branches for a cross. We confess that we would much prefer the bright sunshine of Easter and its joyous celebrations without the quiet sadness of Good Friday with its images of pain and loneliness. Forgive us for our indifference to those who still must endure sadness, loneliness, and rejection and help us to take up our crosses and follow you to where our help is needed. Amen.

Words of Assurance (responsively)

One: God walks with us in ways that remind us of the world around us:

-like a well-marked highway, God will make sure we take the proper route in life:

- like a familiar address, God will help us to feel at home:

-like a loving parent, God will never leave us nor forget us..

Know that God hears our prayers and is prepared to answer them

with the loving guidance we all need now and always.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Faith in Action

Life and Work of the Church

Children's Hymn This is the Day **VU 412 vs 1 & 2**

Theme Conversation

Children's Hymn This is the Day **VU 412 vs 3**

Introit for the Word

You have called us through this journey we call Lent. Today we gather to look at the story of Christ's entry into Jerusalem and what that means to us. May what we hear and reflect upon here bring us closer to living in Your image.

Scripture Readings:

First Reading:
Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Reader: These are our sacred stories
All: Thanks be to God

Psalm: **Psalm 118 VU 837**

Epistle:
Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 21:1-11

Reader: Glory be to you, O God
All: Praise be to you, O Christ

Philippians 2:5-11 (unison)

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ministry of Music Palm Sunday - by E.J. Lorenz

Spiritual Reflection “Grounded in God”

The New Creed VU 918

(unison)

As Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, may we journey into this week of sorrow and pain. Be with us this day as we remember in a time of silence those persons or situations that we are concerned about (silence) We pray for times when hearts and dreams are shattered. Now we name the tragedies that have happened in our world this past week... We gather these and all our private prayers to be held by you, O God. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

We hear of a king riding on a donkey, a king who is crucified. This is the story of a world in which injustice seems to reign. Our God knows about suffering and invites us to reverse and counter injustice and suffering wherever we can. The United Church of Canada—both locally and through its Mission and Service Fund—seeks justice and resists evil, proclaiming Jesus crucified and risen. Please give generously!

Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards

Offertory Hymn Bitter Was the Night **VU 132**

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)

Loving God, you came to us in the image of a poor man riding on a donkey. We thank you for all people who have fought evil in our world, suffered the cries of revenge from the crowds, for those who have been tortured and even put to death for their beliefs. We praise you, O God, for those times when we have let you take over our lives. We are grateful for these gifts we are about to offer to Your work in this church and throughout our world. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & 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!

Lords Prayer VU 960 (sung)

Closing Hymn Ride On, Ride On in Majesty VU 127

(tune: VU 20)

Commissioning and Benediction

We have come here because it is a part of what we do on our journey of faith. In the sadness of our lives, you travel with us, you

weep with us. May the presence of the Holy Spirit go with us into our world. Amen.

Today each person entering our worship service has been given a stone. Remember that Christ was not recognized for who he was in his time. While reflecting today, we can't help but glance ahead to the coming week. The stone we hold in our hands today is a reminder of Christ's stronghold, his steadfastness in our lives. What will we do with this stone for the rest of the week? Please use it as a focus during your prayer time during this Holy Week. I invite you to bring it with you to worship services this week.

Choral Blessing

God be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.

*Chorus: Till we meet, till we meet
Till we meet at Jesus' feet
Till we meet, till we meet
God be with you till we meet again.*

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 Everett and Clara Howatt and George and Elsie Smith by George and Ann Smith.

In loving memory of Allen W Bustin by Ethel and Ken Roach

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.*

Wallace McNeill, Fred Quigley, Shirley Whitebone, Winnie Fortune, Marion Stackhouse, and Betty MacDougall

Scripture for Sunday, April 24th - **Barb Mahaffy**

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 28:1-10

Greeters for Sunday, April 24th– **Irene Yang**

Thank you goes out to all Readers & Greeters for all your help!

*****We extend a heartfelt thanks to all who are sharing their gifts with us during morning worship while Rev. Angela is away.*****

Linda Fuller of the Millstream Pastoral Charge is our Presbytery Pastoral Supervisor – cell phone 645-1069, home 849-9393 or e-mail elf@nb.nbnet.ca

Rev. Doreen will be filling in until Rev. Angela returns. She is available to cover any pastoral care visitation at home or in the hospital, family or personal emergencies which would require a minister, etc. She can be reached at Home -214-3428 or Cell -651-0291 or e-mail: doreenedaley@hotmail.com.

Church & Community Announcements

A **Flea Market/Book Sale/Bake Sale** is taking place on **Saturday, May 7** from **8:30am to 12:30pm** in the C.E. Hall. Book your table now for only \$10 by contacting Barbara Mahaffy at 696-6269, Pam Carter at 696-5221 or by calling the church office at 696-1410.

(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, to man the church tables on Saturday and to help with clean up. Donations for the Bake Sale table and canteen would

also be appreciated. There are sign up sheets at the back of the church if you would like to help out on May 7th. Thank you.

**any items that are dropped off for the flea market, please put them downstairs for now as the hall is being rented May 2 and they need the space. Thank you for your help!

Unified Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00pm

Confirmation Classes at Silver Falls are being offered this year during a marathon weekend on Saturday, May 7th, from 3 p.m. till 6 p.m. and on Sunday, May 8th, for approximately three hours, after the morning worship service. As of April 13th, we have six youth registered. If there are other youth age 13 or older who wish to attend confirmation classes, it is not too late, please let Tammy in the Church Office know or call Rev. Doreen Daley at 214-3428. The youth will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 12th, during the worship service.

Volunteers needed – We would like to have a list of people willing to work with the youth by presenting the Children’s Story while Rev. Angela is away. Information regarding the weekly theme of the story will be provided to you. Just give Tammy your contact information and we’ll draw up a schedule for the next few weeks. We appreciate your help.

On Good Friday, the congregations and choirs of Glenview United Church and Park Avenue United Church will join with Silver Falls United Church at 840 Loch Lomond Road, Saint John, for service beginning at 11:00am, April 22nd. Guest soloist will be Signa Love, who will sing “He Was Despised,” from “The Messiah.” All are welcome to attend.

Volunteers and donations needed for our Sunday morning Easter Breakfast, April 24th at 9:00am. There are sheets on the back table for you to sign if you’re able to help.

We also need people on Saturday, April 23rd at 11:00am to help set up tables and chairs for the breakfast. If you’re able to help, please be here that morning. Thanks!

Limited Edition Catherine Karnes-Munn prints of our Church are available. Each print is \$25. Please see Paul or Corinne Carpenter. Choice of mat colors: burgundy, green or white.