

# SILVER FALLS



# UNITED CHURCH



## **Sunday Service**

## **January 15th, 2012**

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**Congregational Responses are in Bold print.**  
***\*\*\* Please stand if able\*\*\****

## **Organ Prelude**

## **Personal Thoughts of Preparation**

Most of us recall playing hide-and-seek as children. There were favourite hiding places: under the lilac bushes, behind the stack of old junk down the lane, beneath the porch. We remember that an important part of hide-and-seek was being able to remain silent and still so that the seeker would not find us.

But we also remember something else about the game. As we crouched in a hiding place and time passed, we would almost *want* to be found, just to be assured that we were not forgotten or overlooked while friends went on to other things. Being found was exciting, a release, a reason to sprint home, a joy. As we bow in silent prayer, we wait upon the God who steadfastly seeks us.

**Introit Arise, Your Light is Come**

**VU 371 Verse 1 & 4**

**Life and Work of the Church**

## **Call to Worship**

One: We are called, each and every one, old, young, woman, man.

**All: We are called into God's future, called to speak God's message, called by the One whom we gather to worship this morning.**

## **Prayer of Approach** (from Ps. 139)

One: Holy One, you have searched me out! You know me!

**All: You know when I sit, when I stand.**

One: From far away you discern my thoughts.

**All: You trace my journeys and my resting places, you are familiar with all my ways.**

One: Indeed, there is not a word on my tongue but you, you know it completely.

**All: Your embrace is all around me.**

One: You lay your hand upon me.

**All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so exalted that I cannot grasp it.**

One: Truly, you yourself created my innermost being.

**All: You knit me together in my mother's womb.**

One: I praise you! Fearfully, wonderfully, you created me.

**All: Wonderful are your works; well do I know it.**

One: My body was not hidden from you when I was placed in the secret place, and woven in the depths of the earth.

**All: Your eyes looked on me, still in the womb; in your book all shapes were recorded, as day by day they were formed, formed where there had been nothing.**

One: To me your thoughts are very precious, profound in their sweeping vastness, numberless as sand in the sea.

**All: Even at my end I shall be with you.**

**Opening Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See**  
**VU 371**

### **Call to Confession**

Open your ears and listen to the call to come clean. In confession everything false will disappear and we shall be cleansed.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God, we know you call us into your future.  
But sometimes we do not recognize your voice –  
perhaps because we have not yet learnt, or have  
forgotten to expect your call.  
Sometimes we do not hear you calling – perhaps  
because we are too busy, or distracted by other  
voices, like our inner voice of greed or self-  
satisfaction.  
Sometimes we hear you call, but we ignore it –  
perhaps because to follow means making  
changes when we are comfortable, or we doubt  
that we are able to answer the call.  
We are sorry for those times when we don't  
acknowledge your voice, don't hear your voice,  
don't respond to your voice.**

**Words of Assurance**

One: When we don't hear God's voice,

**All: God will call us again.**

One: When we don't recognize God's voice,

**All: God will call us again.**

One: When we don't respond to God's voice,

**All: God will call us again.**

One: The stories of God's people who came before us assure us that God will call us, and call us again and again,

**All: calling us into the future of hope, calling us with the voice of love, calling us as children of the light.**

**Children's Hymn    Simon, Simon, a Fisherman**  
**VU 597 Verses 1 & 2**

**Theme Conversation    A Voice in the Night.**

## Prayer and the 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 Simon, Simon, a Fisherman  
 VU 597 Verses 4 & 5

## Introit for the Word

### Scripture Readings:

*Read by Sharon Maguire*

First Reading:  
 1 Samuel 3:1-10

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

**Psalm: 139:1-6, 13-18**

**VU 861**

Epistle:  
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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

Gospel Reading:  
 John 1:43-51

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

**Ministry of Music** Lord, Here Am I - by J. Althouse

**Sermon** “Do You Hear What I Hear?”

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Faith in Action**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Receiving our Offerings and PAR Cards**

**Offertory Hymn** Teach me, God, to Wonder

**VU 299**

**Dedication of Offering** We Give You but Your Own

**VU 542**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Closing Hymn** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

**VU 509**

**Commissioning**

One: Daughters! Sons!

**All: Speak, God, for your servants are listening.**

One: God is about to do something in our world, and calls us into that future. Be ready, then, to hear God’s call and, empowered by the Spirit, to follow the way shown to us by Jesus the Christ.

**Benediction**

**Choral Blessing**    **May the God of Hope Go with Us**  
    **VU 424    Verses 1 & 2**

**Organ Postlude**

*Today's Service and Bulletin are dedicated in loving  
 memory of Donald Watson by the family.*

**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.*

***Curtis Dempsey, Barbara Janes, Robert Mitchell,  
 Eldon Callahan, Rev. Angela Cory, Fred Quigley, Shirley  
 Whitebone, Winnie Fortune, Marion Stackhouse & Elsie  
 Gilchrist***

**Scripture for Sunday, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Wendy Bennett**

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

**Psalm 62:5-12    VU p. 779-780**

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

**Mark 1:14-20**

***Greeters for Sunday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Marion Sherwood***

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

**Duty Team for January 2012**

**Gwen Young, Nancy Doucette, Wayne Doucette, Don Watson**

# Church & Community Announcements

The next Unified Board Meeting is Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**UCW Annual General Meeting & Potluck Dinner**  
**Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm in the CE Hall**  
**All women of the church welcome!**

**UCW Annual General Meeting Guest Speaker**  
**Bobby Hayes – Founder of the Joshua Group**

Everyone is welcome to join us immediately after the AGM on January 24<sup>th</sup> at **8pm** to hear Bobby Hayes speak about the journey he and the children have been on in trying to secure a building for the Joshua Group and many of the struggles and joys of this ministry.

**11th SILVER FALLS SCOUTS & VENTURERS**  
**All You Can Eat SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Come join us on **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** for an "**All You Can Eat**" **Spaghetti Dinner**. The dinner includes all you can eat spaghetti, along with Caesar salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and juice. Dinner is from 5:30 till 6:30. Take-out is also available. Tickets are \$8 per adult, and \$5 per child under 10, and are available from Bill Mahaffy or Cyndi Bosch. Seating is limited, so get your tickets early!!

The **2011 Annual Reports** for all committees and groups are due. Please submit them either by email or by written copy no later than **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**. Earlier submissions would be greatly appreciated

**Reminder: The deadline to have your Budget requests** to the Treasurer is January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please be sure to have them submitted.

Please note that the new "**Tentative**" **Scripture Readers & Greeters Schedule** is on the back table for you to look over. If you cannot volunteer or the dates are not suitable, could you call the office at 696-1410 with any changes.

## **World Day of Prayer 2012 – Let Justice Prevail**

**March 2, 2012 7 pm Church Sanctuary**

Please join us & invite your friends & family to attend the **World Day of Prayer** service to be held at Silver Falls United Church. Learn about Malaysia and its unique culture & heritage. Join Christians in more than 170 countries & 2000 communities across Canada who will gather on the World Day of Prayer to pray & act in solidarity with the people of Malaysia.

## **World Day of Prayer 2012 Planning Meeting**

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 7 pm

Please see Gwen Young for more information.

UCW invites everyone to come enjoy a fun time **scrapbooking** with Raymonde LeBlanc Cleveland on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am! Please bring your own lunch!

Rev. Doreen Daley has sent us her new mailing address should you wish to contact her. 211 Perron Blvd. West, New Richmond, Quebec, G0C 2B0  
Telephone: 418-392-4274 or email [doreenedaley@gmail.com](mailto:doreenedaley@gmail.com)

Silver Falls United Church has numerous groups meeting throughout the week. We would like to list them weekly in the bulletin so that everyone can see what is going on in the church. If you would like your group included please contact the office.

U.C.W. Quilters 12:30-3:00, Mon & Wed ~~ UCW 7 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
Senior Choir 7:30 p.m. Thursdays ~~ Bible Study 10 a.m. Wednesdays

Still available to purchase...Limited Edition Catherine Karnes-Munn prints of our beautiful Church. Each print is \$25 and has a choice of three mats: burgundy, green or white. Please see Paul or Corinne Carpenter.

**Heart pillows** -- The Aliant Telephone Pioneers create pillows for open heart surgery patients. Patients hug the pillows against their chests to help prevent the stitches tearing. Approximately 15 per week are distributed through the Saint John Regional Hospital Heart Unit. Volunteers meet monthly at our church in the Memorial Hall on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-3pm to make the pillows. Everyone is welcome to participate in this project and you can contact Jackie Gilliland @ 847-5039 or Sandra Winchester @ 696-7475 for more information! This is a lot of fun!

## How Can You Be Sure of God's Calling?

Do you open your mailbox one day and find a mysterious letter with your calling written on it? Is God's calling spoken to you in a booming voice from heaven, telling you exactly what to do? How do you discover it? How can you be sure of it?

Any time we want to hear from God, the method is the same: praying, reading the Bible, meditating, talking with godly friends, and patient listening. God equips each of us with unique *spiritual gifts* to help us in our calling. A good list is found in Romans 12:6-8 (*NIV*): *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."*

We don't recognize our calling overnight; rather, God reveals it to us gradually over the years. As we use our talents and gifts to serve others, we discover certain types of works that feel right. They bring us a deep sense of fulfillment and happiness. They feel so natural and good that we know this is what we were meant to do.

Sometimes we can put God's calling into words, or it may be as simple as saying, "I feel led to help people."

Jesus said, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..." (Mark 10:45, *NIV*).

If you take that attitude, you'll not only discover your calling, but you'll do it passionately for the rest of your life.

Jack Zavada