
**BETHANY UNITED CHURCH
OF THE EAST DISTRICT, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
CONFERENCE**

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June 13, 2010 - 11:00am - Pentecost 3

Officiating Today: Rev. Brian Hannon

GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Theme:

One gift that Jesus gives us is the gift of new vision. This enables us to notice people and issues that we could have overlooked. Jesus opened the eyes of the blind, giving them the gift of sight. Jesus turned our attention away from exclusive focus upon ourselves toward the needs of others. Jesus still does.

INTROIT: God We Praise You for the Morning VU #415

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Psalm 5)

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: God is not pleased with wrong-doing.

All: There is no evil in God's presence.

One: But because of God's great love we can come here to worship.

All: God meets us in this sacred place.

One: Let us worship together in peace.

WELCOME AND LIFE & WORK OF OUR CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)

Lord God - we celebrate your loving presence this day as we gather to praise and thank you for your goodness. Grant that your wisdom and mercy may dwell within our hearts. Meet us here, we pray, that we might be made whole by the power of your Spirit. Bless us and make us a blessing to others, now and always. Amen.

Baptism Hymn - "Child of Blessing..." #444VU
(vs 1 and 2 now; vs 3 and 4 following baptism)

The Sacrament of Baptism

One: Let us celebrate the gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism.

All: There is one body and one spirit, we have one hope in Christ.

One: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, creator of us all.

All: Out of the waters of baptism, we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.

Introduction and vows

Congregational Support (please stand)

One: Let us pledge to these parents our support and care.

**All: As a baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you, in as much as we are able, in this community of faith.
May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.**

"A New Creed" (# 918 VU) Unison

The Action of Baptism

Presentation of candles and certificates

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of Forgiveness, God Who Cancels Debt, we are like the Pharisee who was content to be seen with Jesus, but who had so much to learn about the gratitude that comes with forgiveness. We have been forgiven so much for our sins of prosperity at the expense of others, nationalism, racism, complacency, fear mongering, alarmism, lack of faithfulness, tepid discipleship the list goes on and on. We should be the most grateful of people because you have lovingly forgiven us. So we come before you asking once more forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Let us never forget how you willingly forgive and re-forgive. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Our spiritual debts are cancelled! We are freed and forgiven!

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURES: Galatians 2:15-21- Charlie Framptom
Luke 7: 36-50 - Iva Powell

Special Singing (Congregation & Choir) - My Soul Cries Out

1. My Soul cries out with a joyful shout that the
God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the
wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west
shall my name be blest, Could the world be about to turn?

Chorus: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

**Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!**

2. Through I am small, my God, my all, you work great things to me,

and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might,
put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your
justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall
weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread
ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.
4. Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise
which hold us bound, 'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Hymn - "Spirit of God, Descend..." #378VU

Sermon

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Hymn: - (during the offering) "Fairest Lord Jesus" #341VU

Offertory Prayer: (Unison)

We give you thanks, this day and every day, for the opportunity to be a part of this great work. All that is seen and unseen, plans coming to fruition in their time, all skillfully worked into the wonderful tapestry of your planning that all may be one in your name. And in the midst of all you remain mindful of us! God, we give you our gifts today with thankful hearts. Amen.

Prayers of The People & Lord's Prayer

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Departing Hymn - "He Leadeth Me" #657VU

**Commissioning:
calling as the people of God, the Body of Christ.**

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world to fulfill our

Benediction: Go in peace, love and care for one another in Christ's name, and may the blessing of Christ Jesus be upon every one of you, may his mercy uphold you; his compassion guide you; and his strength sustain you, both now and forevermore. Amen.



We welcome everyone to our Worship this morning with a special welcome to all visitors.

A BEARY BIG WELCOME TO

Justine Dorothy Mary King

(daughter of Justin King and Jennifer Clarke our newest member of the
of faith.



Body of Christ and household

Announcements

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS- Summer hours begin on

June 1, 2010. Tuesdays & Fridays, 10am - 4pm. On June 22nd our Summer Student Jonathan Butt will begin his work placement, and office hours will be Monday - Friday 10am-4pm.

Rev. Whitehorne can be reached at 596-6137 or 597-0500

FLEA MARKET

Don't forget to bring in your gently used items for the Flea Market to be held on Saturday June 26th, 9am-3pm. The Outreach Committee will be donating \$200.00 to the Davis Breakfast Program again this year as we feel it is a program that is very beneficial to the children in our community. Everything else will be sent to M&S to help our church fulfil our budget commitment to the M&S Fund

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Today after the church service!

Our Upcoming Flower Services

Cemetery Services for 2010 will be held as follows on Sunday, June 27th:

Bethany United - 2:00 pm

Interfaith - 3:00 pm

Park Avenue - 4:00 pm

Note: All are dependant on the weather.

MESSAGE FROM CONFERENCE OFFICE

We are pleased at the Conference Office in St. John's to be able to hire a student this summer to work in our Office and Archives. We were successful in receiving a Canada Summer Jobs grant from Service Canada for a 7 week duration.

Criteria is as follows:

- a. Was registered as a full-time student during the preceding academic year;
- b. Intends to return to school on a full-time basis during the next academic year;
- c. Is a student in a secondary, post-secondary, vocational or technical program;
- d. Is between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of employment;
- e. Is a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act;
- f. Is legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations

At this time, we are accepting resumes from students who are interested in this position. The deadline for receiving resumes is **Tuesday, June 22, 2010**. Resumes may be forwarded to the address, fax or email stated below.

Please pass this information to interested people or place in your bulletins.

Thank you.

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