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

**Organist for Today:** Leslie Forward  
**Organist/Choir Director:** Leslie Forward - **Supply**  
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**February 21, 2010 - 11:00am**

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**GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Theme:**

In the wilderness Jesus is tempted. He was tempted by Satan to be someone who he was not meant to be. He was offered some tempting alternatives to walk a different way than the one to which he was called. In rejecting Satan's temptations Jesus revealed to the world who he really is. Jesus Christ is the Savior, the Messiah, the Son of God. But what does that mean? In his temptations, in what he rejected, Jesus reveals who he is.

**INTROIT:**

*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. Amen.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

- L: We are called to live by more than bread alone.  
P: **We are called to worship and serve God only.**  
L: We are called to no longer put God to the test.  
P: **We are called to walk the road with Jesus that is straight and true, to the cross and beyond, to real life and life eternal.**  
L: Come! Let us worship together.

**WELCOME AND LIFE & WORK OF OUR CHURCH**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (Unison)

May your words, O God, live on our lips and in our hearts, so that we might worthily love you and serve you. Guide our worship so that we might hear and speak your word and not the convenient words of the world which tempt us. May all people come together as one people in your name, and may the peace of your righteousness begin with this service of worship today. Abide in us through times of adversity and triumph. Amen.

**HYMN: "Morning Has Broken" VU # 409**  
**Songbirds: I Can Only Imagine**  
**KID'S TALK TIME WITH REV. HARRY**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)**

There is a voice that speaks to us, God of the Word, God of history, God of salvation, but it is not your voice. There is a way, an easy way, an expedient way, a lazy way, but it is not your way. The voice is insistent, the way beckons, and we are tempted. Now is when we call out to you. May we take the rocky road, proclaim the true gospel, live by the cross, die to self, and be raised to reality. We would resist temptation. Our example is our savior Jesus, who was not spared the onslaught, who endured, and who continued. Be with us. Guard us and guide us. This we pray, trusting in you. Amen.

**Words of Assurance:**

Hear the words of the prophet, the apostle, and God: Everyone who calls on God's holy name will be saved! Thanks be to God. Amen.

**WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURES:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11- Heber McGurk &  
Luke 4:1-13 - Elmer Davis

**HYMN: "O God, How We Have Wandered" VU # 371**

**SERMON: "EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO TELL"**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION: (Florence Button)**  
**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**HYMN: (during offering) - Tell Me, the Old, Old Story (insert)**

**Offertory Prayer: (Unison)**

Creating God, everything we call ours really belongs to you. In time we must lay all our possessions aside and move on to a new life with you. May we be blessed to see some of the results of our sharing in your work through these, our offerings, and through our stewardship and service. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**HYMN: "Jesus Tempted in the Desert" VU # 115**

**Commissioning & Benediction**

## **Tell Me The Old, Old Story**

**Tell me the old, old story, of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love;  
Tell me the story simply, as to a little child.  
For I am weak and weary, and helpless and defiled.**

### ***Chorus:***

***Tell me the old, old, story (x3)  
Of Jesus and his love.***

**Tell me the story slowly, that I may take it in,  
That wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin;  
Tell me the story often, for I forget so soon,  
The "early dew" of morning has passed away at  
noon.**

### ***(Chorus)***

**Tell me the story softly, with earnest tones and  
grave,  
Remember I'm the sinner whom Jesus came to  
save;  
Tell me the story always if you would really be,  
In any time of trouble, a comforter to me.  
*(Chorus)***

**Tell me the same old story, when you have cause to  
fear,  
That this world's empty glory is costing me too  
dear;  
Yes, and when that world's glory is dawning on my  
soul,  
Tell me the old, old story: "Christ Jesus makes thee  
whole."  
*(Chorus)***

## **WELCOME**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bible Study: Tuesday Morning @ 10:30am here at the  
church. Our readings will be Genesis 15:1-12 & Luke 13:31-35**

## **THANK YOU**

**Guitar Group donated Office Supplies for our weekly counters in  
the amount of \$122 and they also donated supplies to our kitchen  
in the amount of \$224. We would like to express our thanks and  
appreciation to our Guitar Group. Thank You!!!**

## **Announcement for UCW**

**Your monthly meeting will be on the first Tuesday of March  
(March 2<sup>nd</sup>) @ 7:30pm. This will be for this month only.**

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**will be Next Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL SOUP, PANCAKES & ICE CREAM  
on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, 5:00pm!!!!  
Price: Adults \$5.00 & Children \$2.50 (no takeouts)  
Tickets are available from any member of the Bethany  
Men's Fellowship Club or at the Office!  
Please Note: No Guitar This Tuesday**

## **UCW NEWFIE MUG-UP**

***Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm***

***Adults \$5, Children \$2.50***

***Get your tickets from any UCW member!!!***

### **This Week At Bethany**

#### **Today**

**2pm-Service At Luxury Estates**

#### **Monday**

**6:30pm- Songbirds**

**7:30pm- Senior Choir**

#### **Tuesday**

**NO GUITAR**

**5pm- Men's Annual Soup/Pancakes  
and Ice Cream Supper.**

#### **Wednesday**

**7pm- Youth Group**

#### **Friday**

**7pm-Explorer's**

#### **Next Sunday**

**11am- Worship**

**7pm-Annual**

**Congregational**

**Meeting!**