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# BETHANY UNITED CHURCH

OF THE EAST DISTRICT, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CONFERENCE

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**February 7, 2010 - 11:00am**

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## GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

### **Theme:**

Scripture is ancient writing that is uniquely cherished and privileged by the church because scripture is used by a living God to speak to us, to grip our lives, and to commandeer us for God's purposes. To be a Christian is to be someone who dares to submit one's life to the scrutiny and the challenge of scripture on a regular basis. To be a part of the church is to be inculcated into a community of reading in which we are given the skills, insights, practices, and faith that enables us to read scripture in such a way that God speaks to us through it.

### **INTROIT: SPIRIT OF LIFE VU 381**

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**L:** Holy, holy, holy is the God of the universe.

**P:** **The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

**L:** Surely God's presence can be felt within this place.

**P:** **We believe that God is here.**

**L:** Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** (Unison)

Open our eyes to the wonder around us, open our hearts to the love that sustains us, open our ears to the divine call toward mission, and strengthen us, God of glory. Let this journey of wonder begin here, this day. Let your word be read, your love be sung, your story be heard, your love be felt, and your presence sensed in our worship today. All glory, praise, and honor be yours. Amen.

**BEGINNER AND YOUTH CHOIR - Oh, Be Careful Little Eyes What You See**

**HYMN: "A Little Child The Saviour Came" VU # 445 (Vs 1, 2 & 3)**

### **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.**

*Introductions and Vows*

*Congregational Support (The people standing)*

One: Let us pledge to this family 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.**

*The United Church Creed (#918 VU)*

***The Action of Baptism***

**HYMN: "A Little Child..." (vs 4)**

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

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 6:1-8 - **Peggy Brown**

Luke 5:1-11 - **Don Brown**

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**HYMN:** (during offering) - "Amazing Grace, ..." VU # 266

Offertory Prayer: (Unison)

**Receive our offerings and bless us by opening our hearts, that we may receive your grace. Bless those who have given that your work on earth may be done. Amen.**

**Communion Meditation: "I AM UNWORTHY"**

HYMN: "Here, O My Lord..." VU # 459 (vss 1,2,&3)

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.  
In the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and your Word brought all things into being.  
Through a burning bush,  
you spoke to your prophets and your people.  
With glowing coals you touched their lips,  
that they might speak your word of truth and justice.  
By fire and your Spirit,  
you have guided us through the wilderness.  
We give you thanks and praise,  
O God of wind and word, power and peace.  
Lover of all nations,  
although we have so often betrayed your promise,  
and threatened your peace  
you have never left us nor forsaken us.  
You sent us Jesus, your Gift of Grace,  
our Prince of Peace, Light and Flame.  
You poured out your Spirit upon us,  
to create, renew, inspire,  
that all might be made whole.  
We bless you, for your Spirit wraps us in your presence,  
drawing us closer in community.  
And so it is that in this season of Lent,  
we give you praise and thanks for your many gifts,  
joining with all your people  
that as one body we may proclaim your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins;  
since we have faith, we dare to approach God  
with confidence. Let us ask God to forgive us.

**Almighty God, we have sinned against you and one  
another, we have sinned in thought, word and deed  
by what we have done and by what we have left  
undone. In your mercy, forgive us, correct us and  
direct us; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Here is good news - Christ Jesus came that we might have  
life,  
life in all its fullness:  
to forgive us in our failures,  
to accept us as we are,  
to set us free from the power of evil,  
and to make us what we were meant to be.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends,  
he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.  
Each time you do this, remember me."  
Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,  
passed it to his friends, saying:  
"Drink. This cup poured out for you is the promise of God  
made in my blood. Whenever you drink it, remember me.

At this time, we also remember all those with whom  
you would have us share your feast:  
- We pray for those who are in sorrow or pain...  
- those who are ill or alone...  
- for those who live with fear, oppression or hunger...  
- all whom the world counts as last and least...  
- for your church and its varied ministries...  
- for nations as they strive for peace and justice...  
- for our families and our friends...  
Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,

remembering Christ's life and death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
waiting in hope for his coming again.  
Grant that in praise and thanksgiving,  
we may so offer ourselves to you  
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died**  
**Christ has risen**  
**Christ will come again.**

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts that all who share in this bread and wine  
may be the body of Christ:  
light, life and love in the world.  
In this hope, and as your people, we praise you.  
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever. Amen.

And now, gathering all our prayers together,  
we are bold to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, etc.  
Amen.

The Bread is Broken

The Cup is Lifted

The Invitation is Given

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (Unison)**

**We give thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us at your table  
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.  
Strengthen our faith,  
increase our love for one another,  
and send us forth into the world  
united in courage and peace,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Hymn - "Here, O My Lord..." (VU #459 vss 4 and 5)**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

### **WELCOME**

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



**A BEARY BIG WELCOME TO**  
**Zander Murray Hogan,**  
**Lola Eva Rhane Butland, and**  
**Anthony Gregory Clyde Butt our newest**  
**members of the Body of Christ and**  
**household of faith.**

**Please Note:**

**ALL COMMITTEES: IF YOU HAVEN'T PASSED IN YOUR ANNUAL REPORT(S) TO THE OFFICE PLEASE PASS THEM IN BY TUESDAY (FEB. 9) THANK YOU!!**

**REMINDER TO THE UCW:**

Tuesday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm is our dinner meeting,  
don't forget that this is also fee night and red bags.

**REMINDER TO MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CLUB:**

Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm is your Valentine's Party

**Bible Study:** Tuesday Morning @ 10:30 here at the church



**NEXT SUNDAY (FEB. 14TH)**

Our Sunday School will be hosting their Annual Sundae Sunday at 12:00pm (after church)!!!!

This is a fundraiser for our Foster Child Pogsada, all donations will be greatly appreciated!  
**Come along, have some fun, and enjoy your dessert before dinner!!!**

**THANK YOU!!!**

BETHANY SENIOR CHOIR WISHES EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO THE UCW AND ALL OTHERS WHO ASSISTED IN THE SUCCESS OF OUR CHOIRFEST 2010!

Please Note:

Home or Institutional Communion is available to anyone who wishes to request it. You simply need to call the Minister at 596-6137 (or have someone call for you).

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

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL SOUP, PANCAKES & ICE CREAM**  
on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010!!!!

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.

Invitation to All Ladies: Morning Coffee  
February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45am

Bethel Pentecostal Complex, Victoria  
Music by: Bethany Women

COME BRING A FRIEND...MEET A FRIEND  
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS!

**THIS WEEK AT BETHANY!!**

**MONDAY**

6:30pm - Songbirds  
7:30pm- Senior Choir

**TUESDAY**

6pm- UCW Dinner Meeting  
6pm- Guitar

**WEDNESDAY**

7pm- Youth Group

**FRIDAY**

7pm- Explorer's

**SATURDAY**

6:30pm - Men's Fellowship Club Valentine's Party

**NEXT SUNDAY**

11am- Worship  
12pm- Sundaes Sunday!!!!