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# BETHANY UNITED CHURCH

OF THE EAST DISTRICT, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CONFERENCE

Officiating Clergy for Today: Rev. Jacintha Penney

Organist for Today: Leslie Forward

Organist/Choir Director: Leslie Forward - Supply Organists: Sharon Dean, Ruth Davidge, Louise Drouver

Caretaker: Wayne Parsons Secretary: Lisa Butt

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 11:00am

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## GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

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.

## WELCOME AND LIFE & WORK OF OUR CHURCH

Call to Worship:

One: Baptized in the Holy Spirit, O Christ,

You are the fountain of life:

All: Refresh us.

One: You are the cleansing spring:

All: Heal us.

One: You are the well from which we drink and never thirst again:

All: Fill us. Amen.

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU # 232

Opening Prayer:

Wondrous God: you touch our lives with healing and with justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Kids' Time (brief puppet show)

Kids' Song: Jesus' Love Is Very Wonderful

Jesus' love is ver wonderful (X3)

O, wonderful love!

So high, you can't get over it.

So low, you can't get under it.

So wide, you can't get around it.

O, wonderful love!

Prayer of Confession:

All: God of Love, in the wrong we have done

And in the good we have not done;

We have sinned in ignorance;

We have sinned in weakness;

We have sinned through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry.

We repent and turn to you.

Forgive us, and renew our lives.

Words of Assurance:

No matter where we are, God is there.

No matter what we have done, God forgives.

No matter our reluctance to accept God, God has accepted us.

With that assurance, receive forgiveness,

And live in fullness and in hope.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:1-7 - George Power

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 - Mary Power

Hymn: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus VU #357

SERMON:

Anthem: "She Comes Sailing on the Wind" - Senior Choir

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

- Hymn: Blessed Assurance VU #337

- Offertory Prayer:

God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings, that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be VU # 506

For Blessing & Sending Forth:

May the blessing of God, fountain of living water,  
Flow within us as a river of life.

May we drink deeply of God's wisdom.  
May we never thirst again.  
May we go through life refreshing many, as a sign of  
healing for all;  
Through Jesus the Christ, who is Life eternal. Amen

### WELCOME

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

### MEMORIALS

Our **Bulletins** today have been donated to the glory of God and in  
loving memory of **Harry Lake** from wife Shirley,  
Son Christopher, DIL, Jennifer, grandchildren, Nathan,  
Jenna & Carter. Also, In loving memory of Mother, **Lillian Parsons**

A donation has been received to the **Memorial Fund** to the glory of  
God and in loving memory of mother **Inez Forward**  
from Susan, Robert & Kenneth.

And

In loving memory of **Yvonne Davis** from Paul & Ruby Sharpe.

### REMINDERS

Tuesday Night (Jan.12) @ 7:30pm - UCW's Annual Meeting  
Thursday (Jan.14) @ 2pm- Finance Meeting  
Thursday (Jan. 14) @ 6pm- Church Council Potluck to Welcome  
Rev. & Mrs. Whitehorne.  
January 20<sup>th</sup>: Men's Fellowship Annual Meeting!

### THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

**Today** - 2pm: Service @ the Interfaith Home

**Monday**- 6:30pm: Songbirds, 7pm: Outreach Meeting,  
7:30pm- Senior Choir

**Tuesday**- 6pm: Guitar, 7:30pm: UCW's Annual Meeting

**Wednesday**- 7pm: Jr. Youth Group

**Friday**- 7pm: Explorer's

**Next Sunday**: 11am: Worship with Rev. Whitehorne