
BETHANY UNITED CHURCH

OF THE EAST DISTRICT, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CONFERENCE

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GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Theme:

God has given each of us diverse gifts. Following Jesus entails learning to affirm and utilize our own gifts and learning to utilize the gifts of others. The church is a place where a diversity of gifts are discovered and honored. None of us has been given all the gifts we need to fulfill the mission of Christ. Therefore Christ gives us sisters and brothers in the church, the "body of Christ," whose gifts compliment ours.

INTROIT: We Are One VU #402 (1&2)

1. We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.
2. We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

P: God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor.

L: God has sent us to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind.

P: To let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of Jubilee!

WELCOME AND LIFE & WORK OF OUR CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)

God of gifts, God of giving, we praise you that you have not blessed just one person, one family, or one nation, but have granted gifts to all your people. It is when we are one in your Spirit, one dedicated to your reign that we become your body here upon the earth. Breathe upon us, bring us to life to recognize and celebrate the ties that bind us together! These things we pray, trusting in you. Amen.

HYMN: "Hark The Glad Sound" VU # 29

ANTHEM: (Combined choirs) "Jesus Loves Me..."

(see back of announcements)

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

We confess, All-Knowing God, that we have minimized the gifts of others, refused to acknowledge your presence in the varied cultures who share your world with us, narrowed our definition of what it means to be your people so that we and few others are included, and defined to our convenience what it means to be a child of God. No more. Forgive us. Enlighten us. Move in our midst. Open our eyes. Dwell in our hearts. May we truly become one body in Christ - one people of God. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Take heart, people of God, for to each of us is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE: 1 Cor. 12:12-31a - Jim Peddle

Luke 4:14-21 - Peggy Hiscock

HYMN: "Live Into Hope" VU # 699 (Tune: Rockingham)

SERMON: "HAITI"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

HYMN: (during offering) - "Love Divine..." VU # 333

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Offertory Prayer: (Unison)

Generous God, we give back to you what is yours, not only material wealth, but our joy that we can contribute to the ministries you have laid upon our hearts. We pray that you will receive these and all our gifts, and bless each giver. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past" VU # 806

COMMISSIONING BENEDICTION

JESUS LOVES ME

(Youth & Beginner)

Jesus loves me this I know, For the bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak, but He is strong.

CHORUS

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so!**

(Songbirds)

Jesus loves me, He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, Let this little child come in.

CHORUS

(Senior Choir)

Jesus loves me, loves me still, Though I'm very weak and ill;
From His shining home on high, Comes to watch me where I lie.

CHORUS

(All Choirs)

Jesus loves me, He will stay, Close beside me all the way;
If I love Him when I die, He will take me home on high.

CHORUS

(CHOIRS AND THE CONGREGATION)

Jesus loves us, young and old, All are welcome in His fold;
He will watch us learn and grow, For the bible told us so.

Yes, Jesus loves us! Yes, Jesus loves us!

Yes, Jesus loves us! The bible tells us so!

Tuesday: 6pm- Guitar
Wednesday: 7pm- Youth Group
Friday: 7pm- Explorer's
Next Sunday: 11am- Worship, 7pm- Choirfest!!!!!!

WELCOME

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

Happy Birthday to..... Clarrie Murray who will be celebrating her birthday on Saturday, Jan. 30!!! Best wishes from all of your family and friends here at Bethany

HAITI RELIEF FUND

Please pick up a Haiti Relief Fund Envelope on your way out, all donations are greatly appreciated, and you can drop them off anytime this week during office hours. (Tues.- Fri 10am-4pm) THANK YOU!

Please Note:

ALL COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE ON
FEB.12!!!!!!

REMINDERS TO THE UCW:

Tuesday, Feb. 2nd @ 7pm - Executive meeting!!!!
Tuesday, Feb. 9th @ 6pm is our dinner meeting, don't forget that this is also fee night and red bags.

REMINDERS

Finance Meeting on Thursday (Jan.28) @ 2pm
Trustees Meeting on Thursday (Jan. 28) @ 7pm here at the Church!

**2010 CHOIRFEST HERE AT BETHANY
FEATURING 7 LOCAL CHOIRS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH@ 7PM,
MEET & GREET TO FOLLOW!
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!**

Please Note: Annual General Meeting will be on Feb. 4 @ 7:30pm &
The Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 28th @ 7pm.

This Week @ Bethany

Monday: 7:30pm-Senior Choir