
BETHANY UNITED CHURCH

OF THE EAST DISTRICT, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CONFERENCE

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GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Theme:

Not everyone received Jesus. In fact, most seemed to have rejected him in his earthly ministry. People seemed to have been particularly resistant to his preaching. Something about the person and message of Jesus provoked fierce resistance that finally led him to the cross. Wherever Jesus is faithfully preached, truthfully presented, there will be resistance by some.

INTROIT: Many Are the Lightbeams VU #588 (Vs.1 & 4)

1. Many are the lightbeams from the one light.
Our one light is Jesus.
Many are the lightbeams from the one light;
we are one in Christ.

4. Many are the members, the body is one,
servant spirit of Jesus.
Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one;
we are one in Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

- L: Come. Gather. The scroll is unrolled. The word of God is fulfilled in our hearing.
- P: **Consecrated and appointed, we are here, confident of God's presence, anointed with God's Spirit, redeemed through God's good news.**
- L: Let us worship together.

WELCOME AND LIFE & WORK OF OUR CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)

Bless this day, God of glory, God of love, with your presence. Let your word be spoken through our leaders, our children, our seniors, and our families. We will listen, astounded by your presence, heartened by your encouragement, enlightened by your vision. In song and in silence, in word, and in our willingness to be your disciples, let your story be told

and your glory unfold. These things we pray, confident in you. Amen.

HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

VU # 232

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Forgiving God, what will it take for us to recognize you? God-in-us, God-among-us, God-around us? There is so much we can do in your name but we have limited the ways we receive your call to us. Forgive our slowness to act, and dissolve our fears and our excuses as we wait for you revealing power. This we pray in your name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Listen to the words of God: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you to be a witness to the nations." And be sure that you are forgiven. Amen.

Installation of UCW and Mens Fellowship Club Officers

(please see insert)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 1:4-10 - Linda Sanunders

Luke 4:21-30 - Berkley Lawrence

ANTHEM: Jesus Will Make Us His Own - Senior Choir

HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord" VU # 509

SERMON: "DO NOT SAY, I AM ONLY....."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

World Leprosy Day - Sarah Lawrence

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

HYMN: (during offering) - "Your Work, O God....." VU # 537

Offertory Prayer: (Unison)

Generous and Loving God, in this world we have a limited number of opportunities to do something truly significant, and in this time of offering we bring our gifts to be used for your work. Bless us this day with a clear vision of what you have done for us and what you want us to do in response. These things we pray in your name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN:

"How Firm a Foundation" VU # 660

COMMISSIONING BENEDICTION

SERVICE OF COVENANTING WITH OUR

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN AND OUR UNITED CHURCH MEN

One: There are different gifts,

All: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

One: There are different ways of serving,

All: But it is the same God who is served.

One: God works through different people in different ways,

All: But it is the same God who achieves holy purposes through them all.

One: The Spirit gives each one gifts,

All: To use for the common good.

Presentation of the newly elected officers of the UCW and UCM of Bethany United Church (names are printed in the bulletin)

Statement of Purpose:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, each of us is called by God to ministry, and called to offer gifts as we are able. Today we recognize those in our midst who have heard God's call to serve as leaders in our UCW and UCM. These people are ministers among us and they need our prayers and our faithful support.

Questions:

You have heard God's call. Will you seek to develop your gifts as UCW and UCM in Bethany United Church, and for sharing the Christian faith? Will you honor your commitment of time and talents? Will you act in openness and love, cooperating with one another to accomplish Christ's ministry through your respective organizations in this place and beyond?

2010 UCW EXECUTIVE

President - Callie Clarke

Vice President - Verna Swain

Recording Secretary - Margaret Serrick

Corresponding Secretary - Gillian Noel

Treasurer- Emma Noel

Asst. Treasurer - Betty Priddle

Program Convenors - Sandra Saunders & Betty Priddle

Friendship and Visiting - Florence Pike

Christian Education - Verna Swain

Stewardship and Recruiting - Sharon Dean

Flower Convenor - Alliston Champion

Press & Publicity - Margaret Serrick

Social Convenors - Pearl Cole, Louise Drover, & Ella Marshall

Property and Manse - Loretta Oates

Nominating Committee - Florence Swain & Harriet McGurk

2010 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP EXECUTIVE

President - Melvin Garland

Vice President - Elmer Davis

Secretary - Ken Tucker

Treasurer - Calvin Saunders

Asst. Treasurer - Irving Wareham

Program Convenor - Bert Parsons

Social Convenor - Heber McGurk

Member of Council (Men's Club) - Don Brown

Christian Development Committee - David Janes

Phone Committee - Ken Tucker, Wayne Parsons,

Lloyd Taylor, & George Power

Visitation Committee - George Power, Ken Tucker & David Janes

WELCOME

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

Happy Birthday to..... Sophie Butt who is celebrating her birthday today, Elizabeth Pike who will be celebrating her birthday tomorrow (Feb.1) and Madge Howell who will be celebrating her birthday on Friday (Feb.5) Best wishes from all of your family and friends here at Bethany

MEMORIALS

Our Bulletins today have been donated to the glory of God and in loving memory of daughter Kimberly Anne Peddle from father Jim Peddle.

HAITI RELIEF FUND

We would like to THANK everyone who donated to the Haiti Relief Fund, all of your donations were greatly appreciated!!!!

Please Note:

ALL COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORTS ARE NOW DUE ON FRIDAY FEB. 5TH!!!!!! THANK YOU!

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.

2010 CHOIRFEST HERE AT BETHANY

FEATURING 7 LOCAL CHOIRS

TONIGHT @ 7PM,

MEET & GREET TO FOLLOW!

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!

Donations of cookies and sandwiches for our Meet & Greet will be greatly appreciated!!!!

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

Tuesday: 6pm- Guitar, 7pm - UCW Executive Meeting

Wednesday: 6:30pm - Men's Fellowship Club dinner Meeting, 7pm- Youth Group

Thursday: 7:30pm- Annual General Council Meeting
Friday: 6:30pm- Beginner / Youth Choir 7pm- Church Chums
Next Sunday: 11am- Worship / Baptism & Communion

SCRIPTURE READINGS IN ADVANCE

February:

7th Isaiah 6:1-8*
Luke 5:1-11

14th Exodus 34:29-35
Luke 9:28-36*

21st Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Luke 4:1-13*

28th Genesis 15:1-12, 7-18
Luke 13: 31-35*

Note: The asterisk denotes the focus reading for that day.