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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 Organists:** Sharon  
Dean, Ruth Davidge, Louise Drover

**Caretaker:** Wayne Parsons **Secretary:** Lisa Butt

**Clergy:** Rev. Harry J. Whitehorne

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**March 14<sup>th</sup> - 11:00am - Lent 4**

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**GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Theme:**

Jesus Christ creates all things new, including us. In following Christ, we wake up to a whole *new* world. We thereby gain a new perspective on everything. Knowing that Christ is re-creating the world and everything in it, transforming us and the world, how then should we live?

**GATHERING HYMN: This Is The Day VU 412**

Vs.1&4 This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God had made.

2. Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;  
we will go in, we will go in,  
to your holy place, to your holy place.  
Open to us your gates, O God,  
we will go in to your holy place.  
Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God.

3. You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,  
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, we will praise your name,  
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

*Please see back of bulletin.*

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

**OPENING PRAYER: (Prayer for Renewal) (Unison)**

**HYMN: O God, How We Have Wandered VU 112**

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)**

Renewing God, we find ourselves mired in the old ways. We cling, not to the tried and true, but to the tried and tired. We resist the possibility of transformation, of

reformation, of re-creation, and insist that you may be known only as you were of old. Open our hearts, our hands, our spirits, so that trusting in your love, and sharing confidence in the new creation, we may receive as well as share the grace of Jesus Christ that makes us the new community of love in God. We pray, waiting expectantly for the leading of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

People of God - our loving God is waiting with open arms once more! Know for sure that when we ask in faith God will forgive us and lead us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

**SCRIPTURES:** Joshua 5:9-12 - Iva Powell  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 - Vicki Thorne

**ANTHEM:** Long Ago & Far Away - Senior Choir  
**HYMN:** Said Judas to Mary VU 129

**SERMON:** *Stewardship*

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**HYMN:** (during offering) Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU 288

**Offertory Prayer: (Unison)**

God who sends us forth, we are your ambassadors through this offering. Through this time of sharing we pray that you will be made known close at hand and around the world. We know that everything old has passed away, and that everything has become new! All we have is from you, who reconciled us to yourself through Christ. May we take hold of your ministry in all things. May your light shine in the darkness, and may you send us forth as the bearers of that light. These things we pray in your name. Amen.

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

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**HYMN:** The Church's One Foundation VU 332  
**Commissioning & Benediction**  
**Choral Amen.**

**WELCOME**

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

**Memorials**

A donation has been received to the Memorial Fund to the glory of God and in loving memory of **John Champion** from wife Alliston and children and grandchildren.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...** Herman Butt who be celebrating his birthday on Tuesday at Bethany!



(Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>). Best Wishes from all of your family and Friends here

**Please Note:**

**Bible Study:** Tuesday Morning @ 10:30am here at the church. Our Readings will be

Isaiah 43:16-21 & John 12:1-8

**Council Meeting** will be Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm! Please bring your Policy and Procedures Book. Thank You!

**Congregational Meeting** - Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> immediately after morning church service!!!

**Reminders to our Men's Fellowship Club**

**Men's Club will be having Palm Sunday Service at Sibley's Cove on March 28<sup>th</sup> & 7pm. If you are taking the bus please sign the sheet in the Vestibule.  
Thank You!**

**Men's Fellowship Club Good Friday service "More Than Just Words" will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11am.**

**READERS and USHERS**

**If you are interested in reading in Church Sunday mornings OR you are willing to Serve as an Usher, please sign the sheet in the Vestibule. Thank You!!!!**

**ZONE CAPTAINS:** Your packages are ready to be delivered! Thank You!

**THIS WEEK @ BETHANY**

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

Tuesday - 10:30am: Bible Study 6pm: Guitar

Wednesday - 7pm- Songbirds & Senior Choir to Coley's Point!

Friday - 7pm Chums

**Next Sunday - 11am: Worship, after church Congregational Meeting**