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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  
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**March 21, 2010 - 11:00am - Lent 5**

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**GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Theme:** The God of Israel and the God of the Church is the God who rescues, heals, delivers, and saves. There is something about this God that is determined not to be God *alone*. In even the most dismal circumstances, people of faith look with hope to the God who saves for their future.

**INTROIT:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: God has done great things for us. Sing aloud for joy.

**All: Our Lord has filled our hearts with peace. Our tongues will declare God's praise.**

One: Our God has done great things for us. Call upon God's name.

**All: Our lives overflow with God's goodness. Our mouths will proclaim God's righteousness.**

One: Our God has done great things for us. Show forth your trust in God.

**All: Our God has changed our lives and redeemed our souls. We will glorify God both now and forever.**

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** (Unison)

**Gracious and life-giving God - you make all things new by your saving and creative love. You redeem our souls and reach out to those who are lost. Descend upon us this day. Hallow us with your presence. Reveal to us the things that you want us to see. Show us what it is you would have us do, and strengthen us as we walk life's journey together. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: "Throughout... Lenten Days...#108VU

Kid's Time With Rev. Harry

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Understanding God, sometimes it suits us to criticize others for their waste, and we don't always consider what we do ourselves. Mary anointed the feet of Jesus with expensive ointment. Help us to understand that there is a time to abandon caution for the needs of the moment. Open our hearts, our hands, and our souls that we might seize the day in service in your name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

Jesus name. May we accept God's challenge. Amen.

God has given us a priceless gift - a ministry to be performed in

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

**SCRIPTURES:** Isaiah 43:16-21 and John 12:1-8

(Readers): \_\_\_\_\_

**ANTHEM:** The Senior Choir

**HYMN:** "Lead On, O Cloud..." # 421VU

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**HYMN:** - (During The Offering)

"When I Survey..."

#149 VU

**Offertory Prayer: (Unison)**

**the work we share with you. We know that everything we have comes from you, and we give back some of it as an expression of our thankfulness. Thank you, God, for all that you have done. Amen.**

**Accept these our gifts O God, and accept as well our joy in**

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

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**HYMN:** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" # 120VU  
(The choir will move down with the congregation)

**Consideration of Motion (see insert)**

**Commissioning & Benediction (Unison)**

**In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling as the people of God, the Body of Christ.**

Benediction:

Go in peace - love and care for one another in Christ's name; and may the presence of Jesus guide you in the tempting times, encourage you in the difficult times, and strengthen you in the dangerous times, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Announcement:

This year, instead of the usual Good Friday evening service, the UCW will lead us in a Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion. This service will start at 7 pm on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is welcome.