
BETHANY UNITED CHURCH
OF THE EAST DISTRICT, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CONFERENCE
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March 28, 2010 - 11:00am - Palm Sunday

GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Theme:

Palm Sunday is a reminder that Jesus is not only a spiritual leader; he is also a political claim. Jesus Christ is Lord, which means that other claimants to the throne are not lords. Christians are those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, who shout to the world that a new King has come and a new reign has been initiated.

INTROIT: Songbirds - "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: People of God, there is something wonderful happening! All of nature is praising God effortlessly - flower, tree, crawling creature, prancing beast, stone, sky, hill, and vale. There is something wonderful happening!

All: The story of God's audacious entry into history is reaching its climax, and children, discovering it for the first time, are crying aloud with wonder.

One: There is something wonderful happening! We who are jaded, distracted, and worn out now have the opportunity to shed those cares and rush forward, waving our palm branches, and crying out:

All: Hosanna and Hallelujah!

WELCOME AND LIFE & WORK OF OUR CHURCH

Beginner/Youth Choir - Give Me Palms

OPENING PRAYER: Unison (Refer to VU # 125)

Gathering Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

123 VU

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURES: Psa. 118 (Parts One, Three, and Four)

(Refer to Voices United page 837) - **Ella Marshall**

Luke 19:28-40 - **Sarah Lawrence**

COMMUNION MEDITATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

HYMN: - (During the offering) "He Came Riding on a Donkey" # 124 VU

Offertory Prayer: (Unison)

Hosanna! We praise you, God of heaven, for the procession that proclaims you sovereign of the universe! The seasons pass, one into another, a sign of your steadfast faithfulness. Accept our offerings in the spirit in which they are given. Hosanna! Hosanna! In the highest! We dedicate these gifts in your name. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Jesus, Keep me Near The Cross" # 142 VU

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Hallelujah! Thanks and praise, ever-living God, worker of wonders, maker of miracles, author of all life and giver of life eternal! Out of chaos and fear you bring beauty and hope. Out of despair and death you create courage and new life. And so, with the Risen Christ, who makes all things new by the power of his resurrection, we join in the song of a new day to sing your praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, gracious God, Creator of light,
Giver of all life, Source of love. You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. You breath life into us and set us among all your creatures, in a covenant of love and service. Even when we turn away from you, you do not forsake us. You send your prophets to proclaim your justice, to remind us of your promise of peace, and to call us back to you. So it is that, with all creation, we proclaim your goodness.

Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth we recognize the fullness of your grace: light, life and love, revealed in words that confront and comfort us, in teachings that challenge and change us, in compassion that heals and frees us. And now we gather at this table to remember and to be filled with such longing for your realm, that we may rise together to turn our worship into witness and to follow your way. We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me." Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: "Drink. This cup that is poured out for you is the promise of God, made in my blood. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

(Silent reflection during which time personal prayers may be offered for any who have special needs)

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that all who share this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life and love in the world. In this hope, and as your people, we praise you. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer
Breaking the bread & lifting the cup
Offering the invitation**

Sharing the bread and wine.

Prayer After Communion: (Unison)

Eternal God, we thank you that you have called us to feast at the Table of Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to our homes and keep us in your loving care that we may continue to serve you. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" VU #127

Commissioning and Benediction

Memorials

Our **Bulletins** today have been donated to the glory of God and in loving memory of son **Zach Rowe, love & miss you**, from Mom, Dad, Shane, Lucas & Andrea.

Flowers that are placed in Church this morning are in memory of the late **Reginald Saunders** from the family.

The following donations have been received to our **Sunday School** to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Evelyn King** from

Wanda & Norm Butt	Gladys King
Karen & John Comerford	Ruby King
Judy & Rev King	Lynette Butt
Christopher Dowden	Sharon Dean
Claude Garland	Graham & Cindy Hiscock
Paul Cull	Charles A. Hiscock
Shawn Murray	Florence & Melita
Matt Neil	Bethany UCW
Andrew & Rosalind Butt	Cynthia & Judy
Anthony Moores	Jason & Michelle King
Robert & Irene Clarke	Alliston Champion
Betty & Lee Clarke	Bev Janes, Dave & Robert
George & Charlene Collins	Kevin & Aggie Forward
Jennifer, Bob & Colby Carpenter	

Please Note:

Bible Study will be taking a Three Week Break, next meeting will be April 20 (Tuesday) @ 10:30am.

Reminders to our Men's Fellowship Club

Men's Club will be having Palm Sunday Service tonight at Sibley's Cove 7pm. Please remember to wear your black pants, white shirt and tie for this night's service and Good Friday Service. Those who are taking the bus, it will be leaving the church at 5:00pm.

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

REMINDERS

Finance Meeting - Today at 2:30pm

Council Meeting on Wednesday Night (March 31)

@ 7:30pm here at the Church.

Next Sunday 8:00am - Easter Sunrise Service @ Harbour Rock Hill, Easter Breakfast to follow at the Church After!!!! Everyone Welcome!

Reminder to the UCW

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 1st. Everyone is welcome. **Also, ALL MEMBERS OF UCW are asked to meet in the Church Hall at 6:15pm on Thurs. (April 1st) to practice for an anthem for the Church Service.**

Please Note: Our Outreach Committee will be having a Flea Market on June 26th, 2010. Save up your gently used items to be bought to the church starting on June 1st, 2010!

REMINDER TO OUR SENIOR CHOIR : Contata Rehearsal will be on Saturday (April 3rd) at 10:00am!!!!

REMINDER TO SUNDAY SCHOOL: No Sunday School on April 4th or April 11th, Re-open on Sunday April 18th!!!

FAMILY MOVIE DAY!!!! Sunday, April 18th, 2:00pm, Carbonear Cinema, Movie will be announced at a latter date, cost is \$5.00 per person (pay at cinema) includes movie, drink & popcorn. Everyone Welcome!!!!!!!

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY!

TODAY

2pm- Service at the Harbour Lodge

2:30pm- Finance Meeting

7pm- Men's Palm Sunday Service at Sibley's Cove United Church

MONDAY

6:30pm- Songbirds

7:30pm- Senior Choir

TUESDAY

6pm- Guitar

THURSDAY

7pm- UCW Service

GOOD FRIDAY

11am- Men's Club Service

SATURDAY

10:00am- Contata Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY - EASTER SUNDAY

8am- Sunrise Service @ Harbour Rock Hill, with Easter breakfast to follow at the Church after.

11am- Worship/Choir Contata