
**BETHANY UNITED CHURCH
OF THE EAST DISTRICT, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
CONFERENCE**

Organist for Today: Leslie Forward
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March 7, 2010 - 11:00am - Lent 3

GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Theme:

Jesus loves us enough to accept us as we are. But Jesus loves us so much that he will not leave us as we are. Jesus loves us enough to tell us the truth about our true situation. Jesus holds up before us our true, God-given vocation and holds us accountable to that vocation. Sometimes Jesus judges us, calls us to repent and change, because Jesus loves us.

INTROIT:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Seek God while God may be found. Call upon the God who is near.

All: Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to their Creator.

One: God will have mercy on us and will abundantly pardon.

WELCOME AND LIFE & WORK OF OUR CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)

God who gives freely the gift of grace to all, we come before you today, petitioners not only for ourselves, but for all people. There is struggle and

suffering not only near at hand but around the globe. Let your presence excite our hearts so we may seize this moment and all moments in service to you. Let your word live in our midst. Let our hearts be filled with the truth of your promise. May we bear fruit in all seasons, in times of scarcity as well as times of plenty. We pray this as your people. Amen.

Baptism Hymn: "Child of Blessing..." #444 VU
(2vs + 2vs)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One: Let us celebrate the gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of Baptism.

All: There is one body and one spirit, we have one hope in Christ.

One: There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

All: Out of the waters of baptism, we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.

Introductions and Vows

Congregational Support (The people standing)

One: Let us pledge to this family our support and care.

All: As a baptized and baptising church, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you, in as much as we are able, in this community of faith. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

The United Church Creed (#918 VU)

The Action of Baptism

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 55:1-9 and Luke 13:1-9

SPECIAL SINGING

HYMN: "Beneath The Cross of Jesus" # 135 VU

SERMON: Grace Happens

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

HYMN: - "Spirit of the Living God" # 376 VU

Offertory Prayer: (Unison)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN: "My Faith Looks UP to Thee" # 663 VU

Commissioning & Benediction

WELCOME

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

A BEARY BIG WELCOME TO

Blake Thomas Dawson
(son of Thomas & Heidi Dawson) and
Taylor Marie Penney
(daughter of Justin Penney & Sarah Cooper)
our newest members of the Body of Christ and household
of faith.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO... Catherine Penney who celebrated her birthday on Friday (Mar. 6th). 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 fathers & grandfathers
Sandy Butt & Russell Howell from
Debbi, Jackson, Cheryl & Sarah Butt.

A memorial has been received to our **Memorial Fund** to the glory of God and in loving memory of father **Sandy Butt** from
Sandra & Ron Hobbs.

Please Note:

Bible Study: Tuesday Morning @ 10:30am here at the church.
Property Committee Meeting will be Monday (Mar.8) @ 7pm

Council Meeting will be March 18th @ 7pm!

Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, March 21st immediately after morning church service!!!

Reminders to our Men's Fellowship Club

Practice will be Thursday night (Mar. 11) @ 7:15pm!

Men's Fellowship Club are invited to Prayer Breakfast on Saturday (Mar. 13) @ 8am at Victoria United Church.

Men's Club will be having Palm Sunday Service at Sibley's Cove on March 28th & 7pm.

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

UCW NEWFIE MUG-UP

Saturday, March 13th, 2-4pm

Adults \$5, Children \$2.50

Get your tickets from any UCW member!!!

READERS

If you are interested in reading in Church Sunday mornings please sign the sheet in the Vestibule. Thank You!!!!

THIS WEEK @ BETHANY

MONDAY

6:30pm- Songbirds

7:15pm- Property Committee Meeting

7:30pm- Senior Choir

TUESDAY

10:30am- Bible Study

6pm- Guitar

THURSDAY

7:15PM- Practice for Men's Fellowship Club

FRIDAY

7pm- Explorer's

SATURDAY

8:00am- Men's Fellowship invited to Prayer Breakfast,
Victoria United Church!

NEXT SUNDAY

11am- Worship / Communion

IN THE GARDEN

1. I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear,
Falling on my ear;
The Son of God discloses.

Chorus: *And He walks with, and He talks
with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry
there,
None other has ever known.*

2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their
singing,
And the melody
That He gave to me,
Within my heart is ringing.

Chorus:

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go;
Thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.