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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

**Website:** [www.bethanyunitedchurch.com](http://www.bethanyunitedchurch.com)

**May 16, 2010 - 11:00am - Easter 7**

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**GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Theme:**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, praying that we might all be one, united in mission for him. As we listen in on Jesus' prayer, we learn something about him, about his nature and mission. We also learn something about his will for us and our church as well. We believe that God listens to our prayers.

**Gathering INTROIT:** Jesus Loves Me (VU #365)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: This is the last Sunday in the season of Easter.

**All: As we gather for worship we are reminded that Jesus continues to pray for us.**

One: May we all be one, not only with each other but with all humanity and all creation.

**All: We pray that God's name may be made known to others through the service that we provide.**

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** (Unison)

**Gracious God, we thank you for your great love towards us. We remember how you said that you would be present with us to the close of the age. Help us to realize your presence with us in this time of worship. May we receive new life through you through the power and love of Christ's Spirit. We pray in his name. Amen.**

Hymn - "Rejoice, the Lord is King" #213VU

KIDS TALK TIME WITH REV. HARRY

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (Unison)

**Lord God, you have blessed us beyond all measure. Yet, we confess there are times that we fail to take into account how much we have received from you. We are inclined to think that we are the center of the universe, taking for granted your many blessings. Forgive us, Holy God, and help us to forgive others. WE ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Through Christ we are made known, that God may love us with the same steadfast love that brought the world into being. Know now that we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

**SCRIPTURES:**

Acts 16: 16-34 - **Janet Hiscock**

John 17: 20-26 - **Patricia Rodgers**

Anthem - The Senior Choir - Just as I am, Lord

HYMN: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" 325VU

SERMON: "THAT ALL MAY BE ONE"

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Hymn: - (during the offering)

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" #378VU

**Offertory Prayer: (Unison)**

**Loving and Giving God, we are one in offering you these gifts, the fruits of our labors, the best of our energy, the heart of our desire to serve you. Receive our offering today and use them to continue your work in a world where people sometimes forget how much we owe to you. Amen.**

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

DEPARTING HYMN - "In Christ There Is No East or West" #606 VU

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

Commissioning & Benediction

People of God, Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. Let the world know that you are disciples of Jesus! Go forth into the world that God has made and work to

make everything worthy and wonderful. Behold, God is making all things new!  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

### Memorials

Memorials have been received to the **memorial fund** glory of God and in loving memory of mother **Mary E. Swain** from Tom & Jean Swain and family, and from Hector & Edna Swain and family.

Memorial has been received to the glory of God and in loving memory of grandmother **Hannah Ash** from Beverley & Darryl Butt.

Memorials have been received to the **Cemetery Fund** to the glory of God and in loving memory of mother **Mary A. Penney** from sons George, Frank, Calvin & families.

Memorial has been received to the glory of God and in loving memory of grandmother & great-grandmother **Mary A. Penney** from granddaughters Helen & Mary Barbara & great grandchildren Daniel, & Olivia.

### Condolences:

Passed away at Cold Lake, AB on May 8, 2010 the Rev. Heber Elliott in his 77th year. Rev. Elliott served here at Bethany from 1973-1979. During his term the Men's Fellowship club was formed and a new manse built.

### UCW TAKE-OUT TURKEY COLDPLATE

UCW will be having a Take-Out Turkey Coldplate on Wednesday May 19th, cost is \$8.00 per ticket, and the tickets are available from any UCW member. Thank You! **If you are able to help out with donations of certain food items please see sign up sheet in front foyer. Your help is greatly appreciated!**

TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING 7 pm on Tuesday, May 18 .

COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday , May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm!!!!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**May 23 - No Sunday School**

**May 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School Closing**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School / Congregation Picnic**

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

### 85<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

As a celebration of the 85th anniversary of the United Church of Canada, pastoral charges have been "twinned" across the country to share stories, photos, or visits. Bethany has been twinned with Dunsford United Church in Lindsay Presbytery, Bay of Quinte Conference. The minister there is Rev. Anne Hepburn. Rev. Anne will be here in Carbonear on July 11th and she and her husband will attend morning worship here at Bethany. She has offered to bring greetings from her congregation during the regular sermon time. If any person or group from Bethany would like to send a greeting to the folk at Dunsford United

please feel free to do so. The address is:

Dunsford United Church

P.O. Box 12

Dunsford, ON

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### THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

#### **Monday**

6:30pm- Songbirds

7:30pm- Senior Choir

**Wednesday - UCW TAKE OUT TURKEY COLD PLATE**

**Friday - Explorers**

**Next Sunday - 11am Worship**

