

SILVER FALLS UNITED CHURCH



Sunday March 19, 2017

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Congregational Responses are in Bold print.
 Today's service is being led by Rev. Steven Longmoore

<p>Duty Team for March Jean Watters, John & Lorraine Redstone</p>

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit Behold, Bless Ye the Lord

Behold, bless ye the Lord,
 All ye servants of the Lord.
 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,
 And bless, bless ye the Lord.

Behold, sing to the Lord,
 All ye servants of the Lord.
 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,
 And sing, sing to the Lord.

Call to Worship

One: O come, let us sing to our God and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

All: We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving for being here together in the presence of our beloved God.

One: Come let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.

All: We will listen for God's word and live in the hope it inspires.

Opening Prayer

All: Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope – hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship – the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

Opening Hymn O Jesus, I Have Promised VU 120

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

All: Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, and grumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you. We challenge instead of accept. We put you to the test rather than trust your commitment and love. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us. Restore our souls.

Silent Reflection

One: The waters of mercy and healing are poured over us. God is loving and faithful. Come, seek and be healed.

All: We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Statement of Faith A New Creed VU 918

Children's Hymn Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Verse 1


Lord, I want to be a Christian
 In-a my heart, in-a my heart;
 Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
 In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
 Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Verse 2

Lord, I want to be more loving
 In-a my heart, in-a my heart;
 Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.
 In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
 Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Children's Story**The Lord's Prayer****Children's Hymn Lord, I Want to Be a Christian****Verse 3**

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
 In-a my heart, in-a my heart;
 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.
 In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

	<u>Scripture Readings:</u> Greta Richard	
	<u>Hebrew Scriptures:</u> G pg.83 - B-pg. 74 Exodus 17:1-7 <u>Psalms 95</u> VU 814	Reader: These are our sacred stories All: Thanks be to God
	<u>Gospel:</u> G pg.128 - B pg.120 John 4:5-42	Reader: Glory be to you, O God All: Praise be to you, O Christ

Hymn The Lord's My Shepherd**VU 747****Reflection****Ministry of Music Let Them Come - by V. MacKenzie****Faith in Action****Receiving Our Offerings and PAR Cards****Dedication of Offering VU 541 (tune)**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
 Praise Him, all creatures here below,
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer over the Offering

All: We bring our gifts without judgment, loving God – take them and use them for your purposes, that we might be participants in your vision for our world. May we reach out beyond the walls of this church to welcome those who feel shunned, pushed aside, and mocked by the world. Amen.

Invocation to Pastoral Prayer**VU 411**

O God we call, O God we call,
 From deep inside we yearn,
 From deep inside we yearn,
 From deep inside we yearn for you.

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross VU 149

Benediction

One: We have encountered the living God through the love of the living Christ. We have been refreshed by living water. Go now to live in the hope this encounter inspires. Be water bearers to a dry and parched world, knowing that the God of love and hope goes before you and with you always. Amen.

Choral Blessing May the Love of God Shine Through You

May the love of God shine through you,
 May His mercy and peace keep you true;
 May you stand with great joy in His presence,
 May the love and grace of God fall on you.
 Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude



Prayer Corner

This information is given so that you may “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” (Rom. 12:15) Please pray for those that come to mind...

All members of the Unified Board, as well as the congregation and community of faith that is Silver Falls United Church, David Morrison, Edna & Jim Garvin, Nancy Doucette, Denis Matheson, Stan Fortune, Murray Ewart, Ruth Bailey, Lillian Campbell, Gladys Howard, Mary Nixon, loved ones who are residents of nursing facilities and all those who are dealing with issues of unemployment, family crisis, loneliness or despair.

***Due to privacy regulations, please obtain the individuals approval prior to submitting their name for the bulletin.*

***Today’s Service and Bulletin is Dedicated In Loving Memory Of...
 Loved Ones***

Church & Community Announcements

There will be a **COFFEE HOUR** after the service today in the CE Hall.
Everyone welcome!

Just a reminder of the **Flea Market/Book & Bake Sale on Sat., April 8.**
Please start thinking about what you would like to make for the Hol-e-y
Canteen & bake tables. Anyone wishing tables (\$10) should call Pam Carter
at 696-5221 or the church office at 696-1410. Sign-up sheets are on the
back table. You can start bringing your treasures in & placing them on the
table down by the counting room. Thank you in advance. xoxo

The **next planning meeting** for the Wellness Fair taking place on April 22 is
on **March 21 at 11:45am.** Anyone interested in helping with this event is
more than welcome to attend. Please contact Barbara Mahaffy
for more info. at 696-6269.

UCW Knitathon

Knitathon will be held on Saturday March 25, 2017, 1-3pm
Sponsor sheets for the knitters are at the table at the back of the church.
Please sponsor a knitter

The Basement Players will be coming to our church on **Saturday, April 1,**
at 7:30 pm. to present "The Trouble with Being Tucker Dowl". It's a fun
evening with lots of laughter, fellowship and popcorn, of course! Tickets are
\$10 Adults & \$5 Children 12 & under. For tickets, see Bill Mahaffy or
contact the church office at 696-1410.

St. Mark's United Church is presenting "**Celebrate Our Music**" –
celebrating Saint John's Cultural diversity through 150 years of music and
dance – on **Sat., April 22 at 7:00pm.** Tickets - \$15 Adults; \$10 Children 12
and under. Refreshments following concert. Tickets are available at the
church office, 672-3320, 672-8176, or at the door.

The Church of St. Andrew & St. David invites **you** to 164 Germain St. (please use side entrance) on **Sat., Mar. 25 for Breakfast/Brunch from 9am – 1pm** Breakfast/Brunch will include: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Ham, Sausage, Toast, Homemade Preserves, Tea, Coffee and Juice. Bake Table Goods for Sale. Adults \$10, Children (under 10) \$4, Family/4 \$25 **Take-out Available.**

WE RAISE YOU UP - A Fundraising Concert, is taking place on **Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Quispamsis United Church.** All proceeds from the Free-Will Offering will go toward the ongoing medical expenses of Jamie Walls. For more info., contact Terri-Lynn at 650-4005.

There will be a **Unified Board meeting on Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00pm** in the Memorial Hall. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your kind words, cards and prayers on the death of my brother, Eldon Campbell. You touched my soul and helped with my healing. Jean

Date	Scripture Reader	Greeters	Counting
March 19	Greta Richard	Elvina Brighton	Kelley Thompson & Sharon M.
March 26	Bill Mahaffy	Audrey Shillington	Bill & Barbara Mahaffy
April 2	John Woollven	Jean Watters	John & Lorraine Redstone
April 9	Don Watson	Larry & Debby Josselyn	Paul & Corinne Carpenter
April 16	Barb & Sarah Woollven	Sheila Jacques	Rosemary Day & Greta Richard

Please call or email the office if you need to make a schedule change.
Mar. 26 Scriptures: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41