

A Warm Welcome to All Who Gather for Worship

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“Christ is the Christian word for the divine energy that connects everything. In Buddhism this power is called the Buddha. In Judaism some call it the Shekinah. In Hinduism it is called the Atman, in Sikhism it is known as Naam. Every religion and spiritual tradition understands this power in a unique way, and this only magnifies the mystery of it.

“Christ power always manifests itself as love, compassion, non-violence, forgiveness, perfect understanding, and peace. And it would transform the world if each one of us would recognize that we all have the same mission in life; that is, to be Christ, or Buddha, or a rose by any other name.”

(From *A Voluptuous God* by Robert V. Thompson. Kelowna, BC: Wood Lake Books 2007. Used by permission.)

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Transfiguration Sunday

(Congregational responses are in bold type.)

***Please stand as you are able)**

Prelude: *Blessed Assurance* (arr. Ritter)

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Lighting the Memorial Candles and the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

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The Great Thanksgiving

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you,

And also with you!

Share generously the wonder of this moment with all you meet.

Let us give thanks to almighty God.

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

**Right and good it is, Divine Beloved, to give you thanks,
for you have shown us the wonder of relationship with God,
intimate and mutual.**

God of all times and of all places,

...

to praise your name and join in our unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heav’n, creation sings your praise.

Blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

As we gather at this table,

...

And so we remember; and so we believe:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again!

Come then, O Holy One.

...

Amen!

Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, after having set a place at Christ’s table, we ask that these gifts of the earth, blessed by heaven, nourish us for your work. May our experience of transformation move us to such longing for your kingdom, that we will not be satisfied until the whole world knows your justice, your peace, your love, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Hymn: #232VU *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

Prayer of Approach

**Through clouds
of wonderment,
of uncertainty,
of anxiety, sometimes,
we hear your voice, O God,
proclaiming the presence of Spirit
in the midst of our day to day living.
We pause and become mindful.
We pause and listen to the voice within and around.
We pause and worship
the astounding glory of your presence.
Amen**

Hymn: #701VU *What Does the Lord Require of You*

Theme Conversation and the Prayer of Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

First Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

(Moses is radiant as he comes down the mountain.)

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 99 (VUp. 819)

(God rules and delights in justice.)

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

(We are bold in our hope.)

Anthem: *Here I Am to Worship* (Tim Hughes)

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)

(Jesus is transfigured upon the mountain.)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *Thin Places*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God: *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (Graham Kendrick)

Dedication:

*Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.*

*Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make;
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.*

Words: Calvin Weiss Laufer 1927, alt. Music: Neil Dougall ca. 1831*

Offertory Prayer:

**God has awakened us to God's glory. It shines out in all that
surrounds us, all that is within us.**

In thanks to God we offer our gifts, a sign of our faithfulness.

**May these gifts bring healing where there is brokenness,
comfort where there is chaos,**

and justice wherever there is need. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ - Namaste

*From Sanskrit, the word Namaste literally means "let there be a
salutation to you". In these days when many are worried about the
spread of H1N1, it provides an alternative greeting that we can use
our worship.*

*The gesture is performed with hands in front of the chest, palms
together. Bow your head slightly and greet your neighbor with the
words, 'The Christ in me greets the Christ in you.'*

Communion Hymn: #477VU *I Come with Joy*



WE ARE SENT FORTH

* Hymn: #104 *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral Benediction

***Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!***

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Postlude: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* (Hughes)

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*The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to
Marlene Whittaker whose mother, Minnie Ward Ellis, passed away
on February 7, 2010. Please keep the family in your thoughts and
prayers in the coming weeks.*

Stewards responsible for checking the church:

this week – February 14 – Mike Martin

next week – February 21 – Donald Walker

Scriptures for January 31: Deuteronomy 26:1-11;

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.



Announcing

LIFE of the CONGREGATION and the COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 14-20, 2010

Today 11:15am Children's Choir practice
Potluck Lunch and Annual Congregational Meeting

6:30pm Sunday Night Jammers

Tuesday, Feb. 16 10:30am Tuesday Study Group

4:30 – 6pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice



Thank You

Bruce and Linda Amey would like to extend their sincere thanks for the caring you have expressed in the past weeks through gifts of food, cards, words of condolence and donations to the Memorial Fund. All were very much appreciated.



Church Library

Why not **lend** your expertise and interest to some **borrowers** – of books, that is? The church needs a new **librarian**. Please consider volunteering for this important position.



Please check the “pink pockets” on the office door for **mail** for your group or committee.



Thanks to all who supported the toiletry drive for Coverdale, Aids Saint John, Community Chaplaincy and the Clothing Depot.

The need in these areas is varied and great. **Do you have a sweater in your closet in 'very good ' condition that you no longer wear or need ? There is someone up North who could truly use it.** Items will be gathered until the end of March to send North. Please consider how you might help in this effort.

LOOKING AHEAD

Coffee House Worship – Sunday, Feb. 28, 9:55am in MacDonald Hall.

Mid-week Lenten Services:

Feb. 24 – Find Our Heart's Door

Mar. 3 – Knock, Knock, is Anyone There?

Mar. 10 – Turning the Knob, Opening the Door

Mar. 17 – Standing in the Doorway

Mar. 24 – Closing the Door

Mar. 31 – The Door behind Us, We Journey Forward

KENVAL UNITED CHURCH SUITES NOTICE:

Our **Annual meeting** will be held on Tuesday, Feb.23/2010, at 7:30 p.m., in the Church Parlour at Quispamsis United Church. All are welcome. Please enter the church at the lower door, off Sunrise Dr., and a board member will direct you from there.

L'Anse Amour- historically the name was Anse aux Morts, an appropriate name given the large number of shipwrecks and lives lost in this area. The community is known today as L'Anse Amour. It is the site of the earliest known funeral monument in North America, a 7500 year old adolescent child. The Davis family have lived in L'Anse Amour for the past 150 years. There are only three families living in this community- all Davis'. This community is on the doorstep of some of the major attractions in the Labrador Straits, including Pt. Amour Lighthouse, Maritime Archaic Indian Burial Mound and the wreckage of the HMS Raleigh.

L'Anse au Loup lies 30 kms. east of the Quebec/Labrador border along the southern Labrador highway. It is the largest town in the Straits region. Home of the 'raised beaches' created as a result of the Laurentide Ice Sheet [100,000-10,000 years ago]. Schooner Cove and L'Anse au Loup have revealed archaeological evidence of occupation by Paleo- Indians, Maritime Archaic culture, Paleo, Eskimo, Basque, French and English.

*** DETAILS OF THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON
BULLETIN BOARDS***

*Check out the announcements and other information from **Maritime Conference**, currently updated regularly.*

***Singers** interested a Good Friday **Bach Cantata** with the Alto Mare Orchestra and Chorus are invited to **rehearsals** beginning Friday, Feb. 19, 7-9pm (storm date Sundays, 2-4pm at SJ First Wesleyan Church, 399 Boars Head Road.*

***Christmas Exchange Annual General Meeting**; Wednesday, Feb. 24, 12:30pm at Germain Street Baptist Church.*

***5th Annual Men's Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast**; Saturday, Feb. 20, 8:30am at the Church of the Good Shepherd.*

***Intermediates at Conference for UC Youth** 12-15 (grades 7-9); 3 day residential event to explore and experience being part of the church through games, music, discussion and worship; May 27-30 at Mount A, Sackville; cost \$225 includes meals, accommodations and t-shirt. Apply (more forms in office) before March 1: lots of info on bulletin boards.*

***Winterfest 2010**; Friday, Feb. 19 – Sunday, Feb. 21.*

***Coverdale Centre for Women** needs church groups to prepare lunch each Wednesday for the Centre's clients.*

*Upcoming at Tatamagouche Centre: **Atlantic Jubilee Program in Spiritual Deepening and Spiritual Guidance** beginning June 21-28; deadline for applications March 31.*

*Mount Allison University – the **Herbert S. Sharp Scholarships** info.*

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