

A Warm Welcome to All Who Gather for Worship

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*On Transfiguration Sunday, three weeks ago, many congregations
sang the hymn, "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding".*

This morning we have come.

Some of us sensed God's urging, others did not.

Yet all chose to be present.

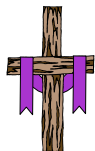
What hopes do you bring with you?

What expectations of God do you bring?

What expectations of worship do you bring?

March 7, 2010

Lent 3



(Congregational responses are in bold type.)

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

Prelude: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Lighting the Memorial Candles and the Peace Candle

Luke 13:9

Extinguishing the Lenten Candles

Chant: (repeated three times) #148 VU

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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Words: Luke 23:42

As we walk together on this Lenten journey, we acknowledge God's provision for each of us. As we travel, we thirst and in our suffering we often deny God – wondering why we travel, wondering why we are here...

Yet we travel under the protection of God's love – and as God provided water from the rock, God will provide for us all as we travel together.

(The third candle is extinguished)

Prayer:

Providing God, quench our thirst with water from the rock of your love, providing for all as we journey together towards Jerusalem.

Call to Worship:

We are on a journey though the wilderness... we are pilgrims... Lenten pilgrims!

Pilgrims on a road of awe and wonder.

We will travel through places of solitude, hard questions, deep reflection.

Pilgrims on a road to self-discovery and learning.

Our journey will take us through times of alienation, times of hunger, times of thirst.

Pilgrims on a road to oasis and refreshment.

Some of our struggles will arise from circumstance, others from our own choices.

Pilgrims on the road to acceptance and healing.

Up the hills of faithful reflection, into the valleys where justice calls, across the plains of faithful action.

Pilgrims on a road to compassion and liberation.

Together, we are on a journey, side-by-side with Christ, we move to the beat of God's heart.

Pilgrims on the road to risen life.

*Hymn: #116VU *Giver of the Perfect Gift*

Prayer of Approach:

Living, Loving God, give us the faith to approach this sacred time of worship with great expectations, expecting that we will be given the wisdom to listen to your words, both those that comfort us and those that confront us. May we expect that we will receive such love for your truth, that when our differences arise, they will nourish, enrich, and strengthen our community. Heal our wounds, and send us out with great hope of resurrection. Amen

Hymn: #340VU *Jesus, Friend of Little Children*

Theme Conversation and the Prayer of Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Understanding God, we have named ourselves pilgrims on a Lenten journey. Forgive us when we weary of that journey, and consider giving up because it's hard going, or when we turn back to the security of the familiar, rather than face the uncertainty of new land. Give us the courage of Jesus, to let go and to enter into whatever kind of death is necessary, that love's way might flourish within our families, our churches, and your world. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response: #340VU (refrain)

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,

How great thou art! How great thou art!

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WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

First Testament Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-9
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 63 (VUp.781)
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Anthem: *You’re Still There*

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Prayer of Illumination

Message

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn: #371VU *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God: #135VU *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
(hymn request)

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:

**Generous God, you know our needs.
May these offerings bring new life to
the kind of church that you would have us be,
and may they too, help to alleviate
the tremendous suffering of your people,
our brothers and sisters
here among us and throughout the world.
Thank you for the gift of giving. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT FORTH

* Hymn: #288VU *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral Benediction:

*Go with us Lord, as now we depart,
calming the fears that trouble each heart.
Keep us all in your grace ----- until we come, again, to this
place.*

Interlude

*Now we will walk in peace with the Lord,
living in faith and teaching his word.
Share his love ev’ry day ----- for he has surely shown us the
way!*

*A – men, a – men. Prayer of Dedication (Don Besig and Nancy Price)***

Postlude: *Fugue in F* (J.S. Bach)

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Stewards responsible for checking the church:

this week: March 7 Bill Whittaker

next week: March 14 Kevin Winchester

Scriptures for March 7: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.



Announcing

LIFE of the CONGREGATION and the COMMUNITY

MARCH 7 – MARCH 13, 2010

Today 11:15am Children's Choir practice **cancelled**
until March 14

6:30pm Sunday Night Jammers

Tuesday, March 9 10:30am Tuesday Study Group
7:30pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 1:30pm Agnes Allingham UCW
7:00pm Mid-week Lenten Service –
Turning the Knob, Opening the Door

Thursday, March 11, 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice

2009 tax receipts are in the narthex. Please pick yours up so they do not have to be mailed out. Thank you from Hally Kimball.



Church Library

Some people have expressed an interest in the church library. If others are still interested, please contact Rev. Audrey.

Upper Rooms for March/April and **Mandate Magazines** are available in the narthex.

Red Bay is a fishing village, once the site of several Basque whaling stations on the southern coast of Labrador. Between 1500 and early 1600, 15 whaling ships and 600 men were sent a season from Spain and France to catch right and bow head whales. The

discovery of wrecks of 3 whaling galleons and 4 small chalupas at the bottom of Red Bay makes it one of the most precious underwater archaeological sites in the Americas. Red Bay has a natural sheltered harbour that was used during WW2 as a mooring site for naval vessels. Population today - 250 people

Port Hope- Simpson, pop.529 is located on the south eastern coast of Labrador, 215 kms., from the Quebec/Lab. border. It began as a company logging town in the 1930's .Serviced by ferry and Air Labrador and the recent completion of the Trans-Lab highway, tourism in the area is striving. Nearby Shinney's water complex makes up 2500 sq. kms. of over 1000 islands rising dramatically above sea level. The protected waters are ideal for all types of boating and it has become a popular fishing destination for Atlantic salmon.

Gently used or new pants for children through adults would be appreciated.

Anyone wishing further information on this worthy project may contact Liz Flogeras at 847-7242 or lflogeras@gmail.com.

LOOKING AHEAD



Wednesday Mid-week Lenten Services:

Mar. 17 – Standing in the Doorway

Mar. 24 – Closing the Door

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

Wednesday, March 17, 7:30pm **Stewards meeting**



Saturday, March 20, 5:30pm – **Potluck Supper and Games Night** hosted by the Social Committee. Please sign up on bulletin board. All welcome.



Saturday, April 10 – **Spring Turkey Supper**

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

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

***Depression: Help Can Make a Difference, and Understanding Anxiety and Panic Disorder**; 2 programs of the Canadian Mental Health Association; March 2, and March 11, respectively; info and to register at 633-1705.*

***Beautifully Made in His Image**; overnight retreat for girls 11-14; Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, (6:30pm-4pm) at Edith Avenue Baptist Church.*

*St. Mark's UC **Annual Shamrock Supper** (roast beef dinner and Irish music); Saturday, March 13, 4:30-6:30pm.*

*SJ Presbytery Event: **T. I.A. (Teens in Action)**; Saturday, March 27, 10am-4pm at Saint David's UC; rsvp by March 8 to staffassociate@nb.aibn.com.*

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

***Christian and Inspirational Music with Tracy Friars and Steve Ball**; Sunday, April 11, 2:30pm at the Imperial Theatre; tickets on sale March 8.*

*Call for **2012 Bulletin Photos** for bulletin covers.*

*Town of Quispamsis 2010 **Summer Student Employment Opportunities**; application deadline April 19.*

***The Go Project 2010** – a Youth Mission Program for youth grade 9 to age 19 and their leaders – July 4-15 in Halifax.*

***Belfast Children's Project** accepting applications from local families to host a child (11-13) from Northern Ireland in July.*

Next week - March 14

