

A Warm Welcome to All Who Gather for Worship

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To be commanded to love God at all, let alone in the wilderness, is like being commanded to be well when we are sick, to sing for joy when we are dying of thirst, to run when our legs are broken. But this is the first and great commandment nonetheless. Even in the wilderness - especially in the wilderness - you shall love him. — Frederick Buechner



May 2, 2010

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Congregational responses are in bold type.)

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

Prelude: *Water Music – Overture and Air* (Handel)

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Lighting the Memorial Candles and the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

*Hymn: #242VU *Let All Things Now Living*

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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:

May these gifts that we offer now
serve the community as we work to become
more and more, God's new heaven, God's new earth. Amen

Invitation to Prayer

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT FORTH

Hymn: #238VU *How Great Thou Art*

*Commissioning and Benediction

Go to love others as Christ loves you
and to celebrate the wonder of God's goodness with all of
creation.

We go surrounded by God's Spirit.

The former things have all gone away;

God is making all things new.

God dwells among us even now.

We go to help make God's dream come true. Amen

*Choral Benediction:

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

***Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.***

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

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Postlude: Gavotti (Wesley)

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Prayer of Approach

Hymn: #289VU *It Only Takes a Spark*

Dedication of the Candle lighter, Projector and Screen

Prayer

Presentation of Gifts

Words of Dedication:

In the name of the holy and triune God:

Creator, Christ and Spirit

We dedicate these gifts to the glory of God.

With gratitude and reverence

We dedicate these gifts to the glory of God.

For the beauty of this holy place and for the sake of all God's people,

We dedicate these gifts to the glory of God.

In honour of the family that Karen and Chris have made and sustained,

We dedicate these gifts to the glory of God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creator God, source of all inspiration and beauty,

We thank you for the gift of this candle lighter, this projector and this screen which we have now dedicated in your name.

May your Holy Spirit guide us

in reverent and loving use of all things,

remembering always your great gift to us,

Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour. Amen.

Hymn: #528VU *God of Life*

Theme Conversation and the Prayer of Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Readings from the Early Church: Acts 11:1-18

(Peter's vision of unclean animals.)

Once we believed in us versus them.

Now we know that all are one in Christ.

Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

Once we believed in clean and unclean.

Now we know that all are one in Christ.

Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

Once we believed everyone had to be the same.

Now we know that all are one in Christ.

Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

Once we believed in status and money.

Now we know that all are one in Christ.

Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

Once we believed in divide and conquer.

Now we know that all are one in Christ.

Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

Christ makes all things new. Amen.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 148 (VU pp. 870-871)

(Let the whole creation praise God.)

Epistle Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

(I see a new heaven and a new earth.)

Anthem: *All in the April Evening*

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

(A new commandment: love one another.)

Message: *From Here to There...*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: #713VU *I See a New Heaven*

Minute for Mission, Letter from Conference

Offering Our Gifts to God and Favourite Hymn:

#343VU *I Love to Tell the Story*

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Today's Scriptures: Acts 11:1-18;
Responsive Psalm 148 (VU pp. 870-871); Revelation 21:1-6;
John 13:31-35.

Scriptures for May 9: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;
Revelation 21:10, 22:1-5; John 14:23-29.

Stewards responsible for checking the church:

this week: May 2 – Donald Walker

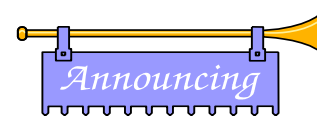
next week: May 9 -- Evert Bos

The idea of **Appreciative Inquiry** is that an organization... for us, our church... can be recreated by its conversations.

...and if that new creation is to be life giving then these conversations must be shaped by positive, appreciative questions.

We need YOU to help us to shape our congregation... we need YOU to be part of the conversation...

If you would like more information, sign up for a luncheon, pick up a brochure at the back of the church or talk to one of the committee members or Rev. Audrey...



LIFE of the CONGREGATION and the COMMUNITY

THIS WEEK **MAY 2– MAY 8, 2010**

Today 11:15am Children's Choir practice
Appreciative Inquiry
6:30pm Sunday Night Jammers

Tuesday, May 4 10:30am Study Group
7:30pm Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice

Upper Rooms for May/June are available in the narthex.



There will be a coin drive at two of our May services in support of the Atlantic School of Theology... dig out your pennies... dig out your nickels... heck, dig out your loonies and toonies to ensure that there are minister to serve our churches in the future...



The Graduation Recognition Service for 2010 will be held on Sunday, June 20. If you are a **2010 graduate (high school or post-secondary)**, please contact Faye Sherrard at 849-2462 ASAP. Your input is important!



LOOKING AHEAD: BEYOND THIS WEEK

Appreciative Inquiry – May 9 following worship.



Community Chaplaincy – Monday, May 11, 7pm needs several volunteers to make meatballs or dessert. If you can help, please call Karen Young (848-1018) for the recipes.



Friday/Saturday, May 14-15 – **Mulch Sale Fund Raiser.** Cost is \$40/yard with free delivery in the KV area. See the side hall bulletin board to sign up to order mulch, to volunteer as drivers with trucks and helpers, and to donate hot dog and pop for the workers.



The **bulletin for Sunday, May 23**, will be printed on Wednesday, May 19. Please submit all bulletin info by 10am, Tuesday, May 18. Thank you, Donna.

Church Yard Sale



Adelaide Barbour UCW **Indoor Yard Sale** – Saturday, June 5, 8am-1pm in MacDonald Hall to raise funds for the Outreach Fund. Reserve a

table for a small fee to sell your things or donate items to be sold. Round up your surplus “stuff” and help a worthy cause!

*** PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARDS FOR DETAILS OF THESE and for OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS ***

***Yard Sale;** Friday, May 7, 6pm-8pm and Saturday, May 8, 8am-noon at St. Paul’s Anglican Church.*

***22n Annual Rothesay Netherwood Parents’ Guild Art Show and Sale;** Friday, May 7, 7-9pm and Saturday, May 8, 10am-4pm at the school’s Irving Gymnasium; info at 847-8224 or artshow@rns.cc.*

***Flea Market/Book Sale/Bake Sale;** Saturday, May 8, 8:30am-12:30pm at Silver Falls UC.*

***Saint David’s UCW Ham/Cold Salads Luncheon;** Wednesday, May 12 at noon; Reserve tickets \$10 – at 847-7137.*

***Kings College Choir;** Friday, May 14, noontime Ascension Choral Eucharist and 7pm concert at Trinity Church.*

***The Go Project 2010** – a Youth Mission Program for youth grade 9 to age 19 and their leaders – July 4-15 in Halifax. Any youth interested in going must have a letter or email explaining why they would like to go to Carolyn Kimball (kimbalh@nbnet.nb.ca or at 7 Lindwood Court, Quispamsis, NB E2E 4L7 by **May 14**. Applications are available at thegoproject.ca. Only 2 youth from each presbytery will be considered, 1

***Service to celebrate 100 years at Saint Andrew’s UC,** Norton; Sunday, May 23, 2pm.*

***Tellers** (should be voting delegates) for Maritime Conference Annual Meeting; apply at springwater@pei.sympatico.ca.*