

Corner Brook United Church

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Monday – Thursday 10 am – 2 pm

We're able to receive bulletin info until **Wed. at 1 pm**

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Washrooms

Upstairs: through the door to the right of the stage

Downstairs: the exit between the two coat racks

We strive to be a **scent free** facility.

Corner Brook United Church

February 16, 2025



Gathering in the Presence of God

February 16th, 2025

Gathering / Welcome / Announcements

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge the land on which we gather. The island of Newfoundland is the ancestral homeland of the Mi'Kmaq and Beothuck. We also recognize the Innu and the Inuit as the original people of Labrador. We strive for respectful partnerships with all the peoples of the province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit "Come, Let Us Sing..." VU # 574, v. 1 & 2

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Happy are those who delight in God's ways,

Who set their hearts and minds on the laws of God's love.

In the presence of the Holy, they are like trees planted by the waters of life.

They are fed by enduring streams, with roots that reach into the depths of the soul.

They are nourished in times of drought and bring forth fruit in seasons of famine.

Life shall spring forth as they walk each day in the Way of peace.

Let us pray –

Holy One, when the road is dusty under our feet and we find ourselves engulfed, you share with us the water of life. You plant our spirits by the streams of your Being. You nourish our bodies and replenish our souls. You challenge our minds and guide our hearts.

Lead us, again, O God, into you're your presence with your prayers. Be with us, as your renewing love overflows from our lives and our souls into the world. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" VU 236

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer of Yearning

God of Mercy, whose presence is ever-living, make us whole. Lay your path before us, for we are easily confused, distracted, blown off course, and lost.

In the arid places of our lives – the seasons when our hearts starve and our souls are parched and dry – lead us to your living waters and the nourishment of your ever-flowing streams. Plant us and center us in the core of your mercy, that we might soak up your grace and touch the fullness of your Life, this day and all days. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Grace

Sing "Halle, Halle, Halle" VU # 958
 Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
 Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

First Testament Reading Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Responsive Reading Psalm 1 VU p 724

Hymn "Let All Things Now Living" VU # 242

Gospel Reading Luke 6: 17-26

Response to the Word (unison)

Happy are we who study your word, O God, who walk on your very path. In your Word, we have heard life. In your teaching, we have been led to delight. May your Word be planted in our hearts. May our souls be planted like trees by the streams of your Spirit, that our lives may bear the fruit of your work and your worth. Amen.

Reflection

We Respond

Anthem

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "When We Are Living" VU # 581 v. 2
 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
 Good works of service are for offering.
 When we are giving, or when receiving,
 We belong to God, we belong to God.

.....words: Roberto Escamilla, 1983; music: Spanish melody

Prayer of Dedication

Merciful God, you bless us beyond measure or belief. May the gifts you have poured into our lives overflow, spilling over into the world. May these gifts nourish all who have need. Amen.

Before Prayer "Dear Lord, Lead Me Every Day" VU # 568

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth

Closing Hymn "I See a New Heaven" VU 713

Benediction

We are people of God, we are blessed. We go into the world, following the living God – this day and all days. Amen.

Choral Benediction "One In Love"

One in love, one in friendship true,
 One in hope, one in spirit, too.
 One in faith that God will care for you –
 Till we meet together again.

.....words and music: Judith A. Helms, 1989

Resources Used

1. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*. Written by Mary Scifres.

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2. **Gathering: Resources for Worship Planners A/C/E 2024 - 2025**. The United Church of Canada.

MEMORIALS

Gifts have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

- Uncle Colin Bennett by Jeff, Emeline, Jason, Matthew and families.
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Announcements

This is the last week to get your **Annual Reports** in. Please submit them by **Wednesday, Feb 19th**.

The **Men's Club** will host a supper/meeting on Wednesday, February 19th at 5:30pm at a cost of \$15/person. All men in the congregation are welcome. Please contact Bruce Penney if you wish to attend - brucepenney53@hotmail.com or 709-638-5549

The **Men's Club** will be hosting a **Carnival Breakfast** on Saturday, February 22 from 8 am – 10 pm at a cost of \$12/person, pay at the door. All are welcome, bring a friend.

There will be a **UCW** meeting on Tuesday Feb. 25 at 2:00 pm in the lower hall. All women of the congregation are welcome!

The next **Outreach Lunch** will be Wednesday, February 26th from 11:30 am to 12:30. We are always looking for volunteers.

Senior's Worship Schedule for Feb:

Westmount **Feb 19**

Mountainview **Feb 20**

*All services begin at 2 pm.

The Annual **World Day of Prayer** service will be held at All Hallows Church on March 7th @ 2pm.

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 10 - 2. Please get your announcements in by Wed afternoon.

If you donated an item to **Humber United Church** and would like it returned if it's not needed at CBU, please contact Cathy (ucadmin@nl.rogers.com) with your request. Requests can include plaques for non-removable items or paying for removal and replacement of these items. Please help share this message as, due to privacy reasons, we are unable to contact people who do not belong to the congregation so they would need to reach out to us. Thank you for your help.