

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.

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Prelude

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: (adapted from Isaiah 61)

L: Jesus read to the assembled crowd: The Lord's Spirit is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.

P: He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim release for captives, and liberation for prisoners,

L: To proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and a day of vindication for our God...

P: and to provide comfort for all who mourn.

Hymn: *O Worship the King* VU 235

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Anthem

Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 10-11
Luke 4: 14-30

Message: Authentic Spirituality (Not just a casual fan)

Hymn: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* VU 101

Offertory Hymn: *Grant Us, God, the Grace* VU 540

Offertory Prayer

Community Prayer/LORD's Prayer

Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* VU 220

Blessing

Postlude

Please join us downstairs after the service for coffee and conversation. It's Birthday Sunday – so there's cake!

Memorials

In loving memory of Father & Grandfather, Henry Churchill by Sandra, Calvin and family

In loving memory of Ron Bennett by Sandra & Calvin

Announcements

The next **Outreach Lunch** will be Wednesday, January 29 from 11:30 am to 12:30. We are always looking for volunteers.

We are assembling the **Annual Report**. Committee and group chairs – please get your **reports** into the church office as soon as possible. One page per committee is optimal.

There will be a **WorshipTeam/Session** meeting on Monday, January 27th at 7 pm in the lower hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

There will be a meeting of the two **UCW** groups on Tuesday Jan. 28th at 2:00 in the lower hall to discuss how we would like to function going forward. All women in the congregation would be most welcome and encouraged to be there with us, as so many help and join us for our projects and social times.

The **UCW** is planning a Valentine's Day Social for Monday Feb. 10 at 2:00 in the lower hall, with devotions and refreshments. All women of the congregation are welcome!

Senior's Worship Schedule for Feb:

Lohnes Feb 10

Westmount Feb 11

Mountainview Feb 17

*All services begin at 2 pm.

Anyone who donated an item to **Humber United Church** and would like it returned if it's not needed at Corner Brook United Church should send an email to Cathy (ucadmin@nl.rogers.com) with their request. Requests can include plaques for non-removable items or paying for removal and replacement of these items (e.g., windows and doors). 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.

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

The Corner Brook United **Website** and **Facebook page** are still being worked on.

A note on worship...

Whether or not Jesus could actually read is a matter of heated debate among scholars. As I note in my message, even the gospel writers seem to disagree, with only Luke making the explicit claim that Jesus read from a scroll.

Modern evangelical scholars tend to take the biblical text fairly literally – so if Luke said that Jesus picked up a scroll and read from it then it must have been so.

Mainstream academics are generally sceptical of Luke's claim, pointing out that literacy was very low among working class people at that time, (3 – 5%) making it unlikely that carpenter's apprentices and fishermen were literate. Furthermore, as speakers of Aramaic, it was even less likely that they'd be literate in the original Hebrew of Isaiah (which almost no one could read by the first century), or the Koine Greek of the Septuagint translation.

Looking at the text from differing viewpoints can really change how one reads the bible. So, as much as we're able, we should try to be aware of all sides of ongoing scholarship. But for our purposes this morning, we'll take Luke's story at face value, as the point being made is less about Jesus' status and more about how Nazarenes approached their own spirituality.