

# Corner Brook United Church

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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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February 9, 2025



## **Gathering in the Presence of God**

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 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**      “Sing, Sing Out” MV # 180

#### **Call to Worship & Opening Prayer**

The voice of God is calling: “Whom shall I send?”

**We are here to answer God’s call.**

The voice of Christ is calling:

“Who will be my faithful disciples?”

**We are here to answer Christ’s call.**

The voice of Spirit is calling: “Who will be a light to the nations?”

**We are here. Send us, we pray!**

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Let us pray together –

Your wisdom, Holy Mystery, is as unfathomable as the deep, as alluring as the night sky. When all seems lost, call us from the wreckage of our lives.

Grant us the ability and the will to hear your call and bless us with the grace to embrace your promised salvation. Help us face our fears, that we might remain sure-footed on our journey of faith. Amen.

**Opening Hymn**      “God, Reveal Your Presence” VU # 391

### **We Listen for God’s Word**

#### **Prayer of Yearning**

Almighty God, we are a people of unclean lips and live among a people of unclean lips. We are more accustomed to spreading gossip than we are to singing, “Holy, holy, holy.” Yet, we long to be made new and whole this day. Breathe your Holy Spirit upon us and call us to follow you once more. As the disciples left their fishing boats, may we leave the comfort of familiar shores. Work through us in the power of your Son, that all people might be brought to your glory. 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**      Isaiah 6: 1-8

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**Responsive Reading** Psalm 138 VU p 860

**Hymn** “Creator God You Gave Us Life” MV # 27

**Gospel Reading** Luke 5: 1-11

**Response to the Word**

Loved as God’s children ...

**we walk in the footsteps of the saints.**

Called as Christ’s disciples ...

**we follow the Lord of life.**

Blessed by the Holy Spirit ...

**we abide in God’s presence.**

**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

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**Prayer of Dedication**

With hearts full of love, may our spirits sing your praise. As we bring our offering before you this day, bless us and our gifts, that we may bring your holy presence where it is needed most in your world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

**Communion Hymn** “Come to the Table of Grace”

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

2. Come to the table of peace...

3. Come to the table of love...

4. Come to the table of hope...

5. Come to the table of joy...

.....words and music by Barbara Hamm, 2008

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Invitation**

Come freely, for this table of grace is here for all. Come confidently, for this table of love offers blessings beyond our wildest dreams.

Come humbly, for this table is set by Christ, who humbled himself to both live and die in his great love for us.

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## Great Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to God!**

Celebrate God's love!

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise!**

We give thanks ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

In the fullness of time, ... we remember these gifts, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## Communion Prayer

Pour out your Holy Spirit ... now and forever more. Amen.

## Sharing the Bread and Wine

### Post Communion Prayer

We thank you, God, for breaking into our world and pouring into our lives and our experiences. We thank you, God, for this meal of thanksgiving and the stories of love, grace, peace, and hope that it tells. Amen.

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## We Go Forth

**Closing Hymn** "Jesus, You Have Come ....." VU # 563

### Benediction

**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 *B. J. Beu*.

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

## Announcements

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.

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!

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

The **Men's Club** will host a supper/meeting on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. All are welcome, bring a friend.

## Senior's Worship Schedule for Feb: *Please note changes in the schedule*

Westmount **Feb 19**

Mountainview **Feb 20**

\*All services begin at 2 pm.

**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.

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](mailto: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.