



BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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February 7, 2010
5th Sunday after Epiphany

Musical Prelude:
Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

God is indeed in our world.

**From dawn to dusk,
From twilight hours to the first light,
God is near us and around us.**

God speaks to our world, to us.

**God speaks gently in love,
With a voice that comforts and cheers,
With a voice that renews and strengthens.
Speak God, your children are listening.**

Adapted from Psalms Now by Leslie Brandt

Hymn: 1 MV, Let Us Build a House

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

A Question from the Fish Bowl

Reading:

Luke 5:1-11 *p. 62 (in the New Testament)*

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One: God speaks through human voices.

Response: **God's words are heard in human hearts
and minds.**

Musical Pause

Sermon

Hymn: 563 VU, Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Offering:

We consider those who are visiting with us this morning to be our guests. As a guest, when the offering plate is passed by you, please do not feel obligated to place anything on it.

Prayer of Dedication: **May we always be faithful in our giving. May we share from what has been given to us through work and grace, so that we will always trust the source of our blessing and abundance. May our giving be a blessing to many. Amen**

Minute for Mission: "Called to Live beyond Security"

Prayers of the people and the prayer from Jesus

Hymn: 145 MV, Draw the Circle Wide

Benediction

Choral Amen: 974 VU

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation February 7, 2010

Welcome! We are glad you came! **Visitors** are asked to sign our guest book in the vestibule. **Everyone is invited** to the auditorium following the service for refreshments and visiting.

Coffee (regular and decaf.) and juice are being served in the narthex each morning before the service. This is an opportunity to socialize prior to the Sunday worship services and is one way congregations are engaging in the **Emerging Spirit Campaign**.

This morning:

Host: Brian Gamble

Ushers and Greeters: Lia Gamble

Greeter and Lift Operator:

Reader: Rhonda Young

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Marguerite Irvine in loving memory of her parents Reid and Kay McLeod.

"The Next Step on the Path" session will be held on **Monday, Feb. 22st** at 7:00 p.m. at the Refinery (609 Dufferin Ave.), where it will continue every Monday until April 26, 2010. This new session is an extension of the fall session.

Choir practise at Bethel United will resume again on **Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. (starting February 17)**.
New members are welcome and invited to join.

The Outreach Committee is meeting on **Tues., Feb. 16** at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room.

Bethel United Church Annual Congregational Meeting will be held this **Sunday, Feb. 7**, following the service. **Everyone is invited to join in a potluck lunch of sandwiches and dainties followed by a two hour meeting (approximately)**. **At the meeting officers will be elected and a budget will be set for the year 2010. Copies of the 2009 Annual Report are available in the narthex; along with a nomination list. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting.**

Note: Bible Study is cancelled this week (Wednesday, Feb. 10), but it will resume next week (Feb. 17).

The Christian Education Committee will hold an **Adult Book Study** conducted by Barb Martin and Jeanette Liberty-Duns in the Upper Room on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. The study will start on **February 21, 2010** and will continue until **March 21, 2010 (5 Sundays)**. The book they will be studying will be 'The Pagan Christ' by Tom Harpur. You can order a used copy of this book from **Amazon.ca (online) for \$10.00 or less, or you can order it at Life Lines (the United Church bookstore on 8th St.) for \$22.95**. It will take 2 weeks for the book to come in at Life Lines. Also, the library system has 5 copies to lend out and Norm has a copy to lend. Jeanette will see if there are some copies available at St. Andrew's College.

Meals on Wheels: Volunteers are needed, check the sign-up calendar and/or **contact Shirley McKay (374-4883)**.

UCW Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will be on **Sunday, Feb. 28th**, in the gym following the church service.

Please note, we are no longer taking a silver collection for coffee after the Sunday morning service. Instead, if you wish to make a donation to the coffee fund, put it on the offering plate, indicating your name, the amount and "Coffee Fund" on the envelope. Tax receipts will be issued for all marked donations.

The following is an excerpt from the cover of Tom Harpur's book *The Pagan Christ*: "In sharing his personal exploration of spirituality, Tom Harpur has guided thousands of readers....*In The Pagan Christ*,...Harpur digs deep into the origins of Christianity. What he has discovered will change the way we think about religion...As he reconsiders a lifetime of worship and study, Harpur reveals a cosmic faith based on ancient truths....His message is clear....Only with a return to an inclusive religion where Christ lives within each of us will we gain a true understanding of who we are and who we are intended to become."

Other Church and Community events:

River Bend Presbytery Meeting of the Full Court will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010 at Grace Westminster United Church starting at 8:30 a.m. Any written proposals are to be prepared in complete written form by Feb. 16 to ensure circulation before the meeting. Send to Neil Westcott at River Bend Presbytery, 170 Mount Allison Cresc., Saskatoon S7H 4A5. Posted info.

The Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan is holding a free public event in Saskatoon at TCU Place on Mar. 9 focusing on Brain Health. For more information check bulletin board.

St. David's Trinity United Church, 3318 Merritt St., Montgomery Place (ph: 978-0707) Shrove Tuesday February 16th, 5-7 p.m. Pancakes & Sausages. All you can eat, free-will donation will be gratefully accepted.

KRYSTAAL: is an award winning group of three brothers who excel in music including R&B/Pop, Gospel, Urban and World (African). **The Lwamba Family, in ongoing appreciation for the role St. David's Trinity United played in its reunion, presents a FREE CONCERT Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m.**

International Women of Saskatoon – **Knit & Chat Program** would like donations of yarn that you may have left from knitting projects. Call Carla Fehr at **978-6611**, if you can help.

Support Amnesty International – Come for Valentine's Brunch at the CO-OP Cafeterias on 33rd St. & Avenue P or 8th St. and Emerson Ave for \$5.99 per plate. \$1.00 of each brunch purchased will be donated to Amnesty International. Posted.

Meetings and events this week:

Monday:

-Cubs, 7:00 (Social Hall)

Tuesday:

-Beavers, 6:30 (Social Hall)

-Venturers, 8:00 (Upper Room)

Wednesday:

-Bible Study, cancelled

-Scouts, 7:00 (Gym)

Scripture readings for Sunday, Feb. 14:

Luke 4:16-21

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

Stewardship Seconds 2010 - Feb. 7:

Could sharing our gifts with those who need them be part of God's hope for the world?