



## BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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**January 31, 2010**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Pulpit Guest**  
**Rev. Arlene Reynolds**

Musical Prelude:  
Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:  
This is the day which God has made,  
A day for us to rejoice and be glad  
**With delight we rejoice in your faithful love**  
**We rejoice and sing to you, God.**  
**Earthmaker, Lifegiver, Eternal Parent.**  
Allow the holiness and mystery of this hour  
to infuse you with light and wonder.  
**With yearning hearts and open minds**  
**We celebrate this day, and every day, with you.**

Hymn: 375 VU, Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time:

Reading:  
Psalm 71:1-6 VU (Part One)  
Luke 4:21-30 *p. 61-62 (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: 605 VU, Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold

Minute for Mission: "Successful Merger at New Hope United"

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: **As we dedicate these offerings to the work of this church in service with you, we recognize that what we offer goes beyond what is on these plates. May we, each day, remember that we truly are your hands and feet, your heart and your love, in a world that is waking to the wonder of your presence all around. Amen**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus  
(Translation p.916 VU)

Hymn: 509 VU, I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Benediction

Choral Amen: 974 VU

Postlude

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## The Life and Work of the Congregation January 31, 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**.

**Thank you to Rev. Arlene Reynolds for leading the worship service this Sunday.**

**Thank you Ying Qi for providing us with music today.**

### This morning:

**Host:** Doug Winmill

**Ushers and Greeters:** Karen Winmill  
Susan Winmill  
Katie Winmill

**Greeter and Lift Operator:**

**Reader:** Marguerite Irvine

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored by Bernice Braaten in loving memory of her parents, Everett and Irene Haggard.

**"The Next Step on the Path"** will be held on Monday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Refinery (609 Dufferin Ave.), where it will continue every Monday until April 27, 2010. The new session is an extension of the fall session.

**The Men's Breakfast will be held this Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Reverend Lorne Calvert, Principal of St. Andrew's College, will be our guest speaker. All members of the congregation, including the ladies, are invited to attend.**

**Bethel United Church Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, February 7. Following the worship service everyone is invited to join in a potluck lunch of sandwiches and dainties followed by the meeting. The meeting will last approximately 2 hours. At the meeting officers will be elected and a budget will be set for the coming year. Copies of the 2009 Annual Report are available in the narthex. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.**

We are looking for **MUSICANS and SINGERS** who might like to participate in our **Sunday services**. If you are one of the musical, or know of someone who is, **please speak to Sarah**.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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)**.

**The Christmas Tree** by the Lectern has become a 'mitten tree'. Any donations of hats, scarves, mitts and socks are welcome. Waterproof ones are best, if you buy them. **After February 1, the items will go to Inner City Ministry.**

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.

Haiti Relief – If you wish to donate to Haiti relief through Bethel, make the cheque payable to Bethel United Church, mark it and your envelope "Haiti Appeal" and Bethel will send one cheque for all donations received to The United Church of Canada. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations. Alternatively, cheques may be made payable to The United Church of Canada, marked "Haiti Appeal", and mailed directly to: 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario M8X 2Y4.

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:**

**Music Workshop at St. Paul's United Church** held today **Jan. 30, 2010 at 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** (Facilitator – Lori Erhardt.)

**Artists for Station 20 on Sun., Feb. 7 - 8 p.m.** at Grosvenor Park United Church.

**Winter Refresher 2010** at St. Andrew's College to be held on **Feb. 7- 10. Theme speaker – Timothy K. Beal.** Three keynote addresses – see bulletin board for details.

**Third Annual United Band Blast** will be held Sat., Feb 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Grace-Westminster United Church.

**Spectrum Core Community Services** working for people who live in poverty would appreciate any donations. Send to Spectrum, 808 – 20<sup>th</sup> Street West, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0Y3.

**McClure Dessert Theatre** presents 'OUR TOWN' on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Call 373-1753 for tickets. See poster.

Oliver Lodge – '**Angels of Care Campaign**'. Call Kristen at 382-4111 ext. 33 for more information or to place your order. Check the bulletin board for items to order.

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.

**Meetings and events this week:**

**Monday:**

-Cubs, 7:00 (Social Hall)

**Tuesday:**

-Beavers, 6:30 (Social Hall)

**Wednesday:**

-Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. (Gym)

-Scouts, 7:00 (Gym)

**Sunday, Feb. 7:**

-Annual Congregational Meeting following worship and lunch (Gym)

**Scripture readings for Sunday, Feb. 7:**

Luke 5:1-11

**Stewardship Seconds 2010 - Jan. 31:**

What in our lives prevents us from being as generous as we are called to be?