

September 6th, 2020

Singing our Song of Faith in Extraordinary times!

CLIFF AVENUE UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF MEETING

All members and adherents of Cliff Avenue United Church are asked to attend the 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) followed by a 2020 Congregational update Meeting on **Saturday September 26 at 10:30 am** in the lower hall of the church. Please wear a MASK; physical distancing, and other pandemic protocols will be observed. A ZOOM option will be available for those who are unable to attend in person.

Please bring your printed copy of the 2019 Annual Report (if you have one) with you to the meeting.

A PDF copy is attached to this weeks email.

September Birthdays – “Happy Birthday Swing”

Performed by “Lucky Seven”...Australia’s hottest swing band.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laPhvAZ_2m4

GATHERING MUSIC – “Amazing Grace”

(arranged by Steve Dunachie)

*Performed by **The King's Singers & Soundabout Inclusive Choir***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AdcUbjPr2A>

***Soundabout** is a charity that uses music and sound to unlock the potential of people with severe and profound learning difficulties. Find out more and support their work at www.soundabout.org.uk*

The arrangement was written by composer and music therapist Steve Dunachie, to allow participation by all members of Soundabout Inclusive Choir, and to reflect the spirit of collaboration and partnership that is so important to the world today.

Call to Worship

We come into worship these last weeks of summer. We come in anticipation of a year ahead filled with times of faithful activity, refreshing renewal and quiet contemplation. We come to encounter once again the living God among us. We come, ready, willing, and excited to encounter the God who dwells with us and among us. Let worship begin!

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Unburdening

As the warmth of the summer turns to the coolness of autumn, and the leaves turn from green to brilliant shades of crimson, gold and orange, may we know your presence, beloved Son of God. As the planting of summer turns to the abundance of our harvest, may our hearts turn with gratitude to you, Creator of All.

Rest in the holy presence and unburden as you lay down your worries and cares in a few moments of silence...Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Where Two or Three"

composed by Graham Kendrick (1996)

A prayer of Conciliation comes before the song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOLT5BpnOcc>

Where two or three of you, gather in my name,
I am there, I am there with you.
And if just two of you stand in agreement.
As you pray, gathered in my name.
My Father will hear your prayer.
Hear your prayer and answer.
And will give you anything, you ask in my name.

Graham Kendrick

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Minute for Mission *(included with Scripture recording)*

Deaf Ministry in Newfoundland

Mission & Service has been supporting the Deaf ministry in Newfoundland and Labrador for 33 years.

In 1987, the School for the Deaf in St. John's wrote a letter to the local presbytery requesting pastoral care on behalf of the United Church. Beverley Ares, a lay delegate, was asked to consider the role. She was interested but concerned that she didn't know sign language. Nonetheless, she answered the call, first as a volunteer and then as an employee. Beverley began learning American Sign Language and also took courses in theology. She was a quick study. Over the next 23 years she served the students and their families as an interpreter at worship services at First United Church in Mount Pearl, as a faith formation leader at the school, as

an advocate for the Deaf community, and as a pastoral care provider and friend.

But by 2010, enrollment was greatly declining and the provincial government decided to close the school. Thanks to the vision and commitment of a local ecumenical committee, the Deaf ministry continued. Today, Beverley and others continue to provide community, worship leadership, and pastoral care to the Deaf community in and around St. John's. Thanks to the support of local churches and Mission & Service, individuals like Beverley have made a real difference in the lives of many Deaf children and adults and their families.

Nancy Emberly, a former student, says, "While I attended church regularly as a child, I didn't understand who God was until I met Beverley." Nancy is now a teacher and has replaced Beverley as the coordinator of Deaf ministry in Newfoundland.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join us in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

Scripture Readings

Matthew 18:15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell

you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.
Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.
Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.
See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.

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Scripture response: For the Living Word
We sing Praise!

Reflection

Rev. Jen

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Musical Reflection "Psalm 119:33-40"

(performed by "The Corner Room")

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKPAKRWg9GA>

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.
Give me understanding,
that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!
Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.
Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.
Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!

Offering and Prayers of the People

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The Disciples Prayer (The Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil

for thine is the kingdom
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen!

Sending Forth

The Peace

May God's Peace be with you!

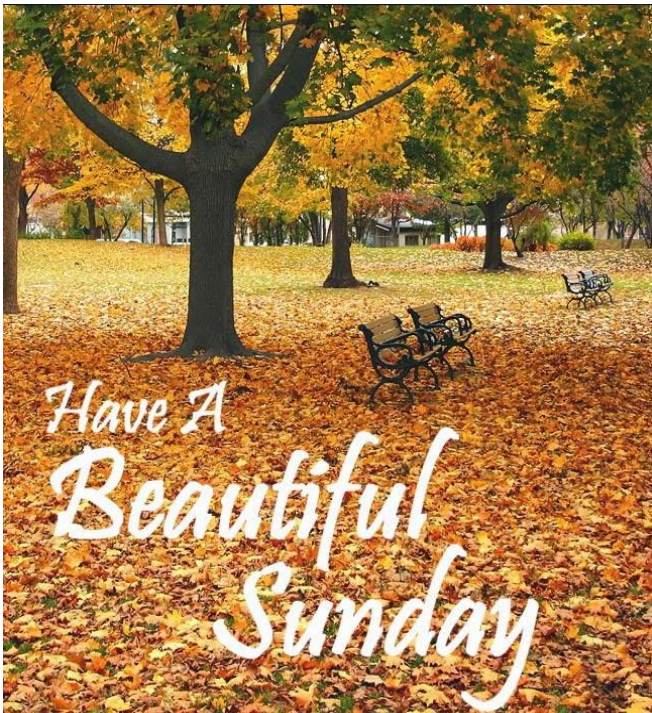
And also with you.

Closing Hymn "Jesus Call Us Here to Meet Him"

(lyrics and music in video)

Words by John Bell and Graham Maule (Iona),
Music Gaelic Traditional, arr. Steven Seigart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tC3cU-EGesQ>



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