## Selby | Empey Hill Pastoral Charge



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# Selby Pastoral Charge The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill Joint Pastoral Charge Worship February 4th, 2018

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam Music Leader: Marg Winter Music Leader: Andrea Putnam

GATHERING SONG: OH, HOW GOOD IT IS

Lighting the Christ Candle

Words of Welcome

<u>Call to Worship</u> (Responsive)

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere. We are called together that we may share God's love and life.

The living Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!** 

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Architect of the Universe, You have called us together to support one another, to lean on one another in our difficult times and to hold one another close to be strong together. Help us to

strengthen one another, support one another and lean into each other when we are feeling weak and vulnerable. Help us to be the Body of Christ together. This is whom You created us to be, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Anthem: Deep In Our Hearts

HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: MV # 26 - YOUR LOVE IS AMAZING

Theme Time with the Kids

<u>Prayer of Confession</u> (Unison)

Loving God, you call us into community, teach us your ways, and bless us with abundant life. Yet we turn aside to follow other paths: we take the path of least resistance, listening to the world's call rather than your call to commitment; we quarrel with one another, letting differences divide us; we cherish our resentments, shutting off our hearts from forgiveness and reconciliation; we cling to jealousies, feeling we deserve more than we have. Forgive us when we wander from your love. Draw us into community with each other, and feed us with the milk of your grace, that we may grow in faithfulness and work together in peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: LAS#1 – CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD** 

#### The Word Among Us

#### **Our Sacred Scriptures:**

Matthew 18:15-20

Acts 2:42-47

<u>Sermon:</u> "Bullseye #3: Aiming to Follow Jesus – Authentic Community"

Music for Reflection

THEME HYMN: VU#595 - WE ARE PILGRIMS ON A JOURNEY

Offering Hymn (VU#540)
Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,

that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

CLOSING HYMN: VU#601- BLESSED BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

Benediction

#### **Choral Blessing**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Amen, Amen, Amen.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Birthdays**

We extend happy birthday wishes to the following people, who have or are celebrating birthdays:

Zandra Ignatov – February 06<sup>th</sup> Paul Bell – February 06<sup>th</sup>

Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to you May God's richest blessings abide upon you.

#### **Office Hours:**

Rev. Mike will be in the office Tuesday to Friday 9:30-11:30 this week; feel free to call or pop by for a visit! He will be out visiting and attending meetings most afternoons. If you or someone you know would appreciate a visit please contact him directly (613-539-9324).

### Bullseye #4 - Serving - Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Next week is our third week of the "Bullseye: Aiming to Follow Jesus" sermon series. If you would like to read and consider the scripture passages in advance, they will be:

- Acts 6:1-7
- Romans 12:3-8

#### **Alpha Program**

The Alpha Program begins February 18th at 5:30 pm, and will continue each Sunday evening for 11 sessions. Alpha includes a delicious meal, a video about life and Christianity and an engaging discussion. All are welcome! Please sign up on the

clipboard at the back of the church. This is the perfect event to invite your neighbors, family or friends to join. There is no pressure and no follow-up; it is simply a great way to explore the Christian answers to life's big questions.

#### **Faith and Art Experience**

Are you a visual thinker? Do you like art? Are you a person seeking to deepen your faith and practice? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are invited to a faith and art experience Thursday, February 08th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Grace United Church. They will be studying the Bible readings for the season of Lent. Bring your arts supplies with you or they will be supplied. Please call the church office at 613-354-4373 ext 1 and let them know if you are going.

#### **EMPEY HILL**

#### U.C.W.

The U.C.W. will meet on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm. The hostess is Carmel Bell, Phyllis Mastin has the devotions. The program will be a practice for World Day of Prayer. Lunch will be provided by Ruth Russett and Marg Winter (soup and buns) and Bernice Thompson (cake).

#### **SMILE**

A man went into a Tom Horton's and noticed there was a "Roll Up The Rim To Win" Contest. So, he rolled up the rim of his coffee and started yelling, "I've won a motor home! I've won a motorhome!"

The girl at the counter said, "That's impossible. The biggest prize is a car."

The person shouted, "No, it's not a mistake. I've won a motorhome!" He handed the Cup to the girl who read:

"WINABAGEL"