

Selby / Empey Hill
United Churches

Love is

patient → → **KIND**

it does not envy ♥ *it does not boast*

IT IS NOT PROUD

Love is not rude or selfish

it can not be easily angered

LOVE always protects
always trusts
always hopes
always perseveres

LOVE NEVER FAILS

January 26, 2020

Selby Pastoral Charge

The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill

January 26th, 2020

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam

Selby Music Leader: Andrea Putnam

Empey Hill Music Leader: Marg Winter

We Gather Together

GATHERING SONG: OH HOW GOOD IT IS

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive) (Based on Psalm 27)

The Lord is our light and our salvation!

Why should we be afraid?

The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

What have we to fear?

Let us shout with joy to God!

Let us sing and make music before our God.

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love. Equip us with your love. Teach us to be your love bearers in every corner of the world. We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. Amen.

HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: MY LIGHTHOUSE

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession:

God of light, there is much darkness and despair. We are often worried about our lives, concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost. The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us: our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, our divisions and quarrels. We long to turn from the dark and live in the light. Shine the light of your love upon us and transform us with your love, that your promised realm may draw near. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: CWGH#46 – HEAVEN CAME DOWN AND GLORY FILLED MY SOUL

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Sermon: "iDisciple – Part 2"

Music for Reflection

**THEME HYMN – VU#372 – THOUGH I MAY
SPEAK**

We Respond to God's Word

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn

**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#333 – LOVE DEVINE, ALL
LOVES EXCELLING (Tune VU#528)**

Benediction

Going Out Song

**Lord we say, as we go into all of life's promise,
That each day we will know You are calling us
onward. Glory to God, may you hear our prayer,
Lead us on forever. So each day we will know
You are calling us onward.**

Announcements

We extend happy birthday wishes to the following people who are celebrating this coming week:

Ted Sherwood – January 31st
Doug Cranston – January 31st



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 am to noon. Please feel free to call, drop in or make an appointment. He can be reached on his cell phone at 613-539-9324. His email is: pastor.mike.putnam@gmail.com.

Membership

Perhaps you're new to our faith community, or perhaps you've been hanging out here for a while. Either way, we're delighted that you're here! If you'd like to make your membership official, now's the time! On February 9th during worship, we will be welcoming new members by either "transfer" from another United Church or by "profession of faith."

If you are considering taking this step, please speak to Rev. Mike. You may have some questions about how the church works, and maybe you'd like to talk a bit about faith in general. Either way, we would welcome the opportunity to take a step forward together!

Upcoming Meetings:

Selby Annual Congregational Meeting –

Tuesday January 28th at 7:00 pm

Empey Hill Annual Congregational Meeting –

Thursday January 30th at 7:00 pm

Pastoral Charge Annual Meeting –

Sunday February 9th – following worship (Potluck lunch to follow)

Sermon Series – “iDisciple”

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus in the 21st century? Join us over the next four weeks as we consider this important

January 19th – 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

January 26th – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

February 2nd – 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

February 9th – John 13:31-35

Have you considered PAR?

If you are a regular giver to the church, have considered PAR? PAR stands for “**Pre-Authorized Remittance**” and it is a way to give your offering once a month without cheques or cash.

If you pay any of your bills directly from your bank account you already know how PAR works. We started PAR three years ago, and more and more are joining! It has had a positive effect on our financial stability over the whole year.

Please consider giving by PAR. Brochures are available at the back of the church with more information as well as a form to be completed and submitted to the envelope secretary by placing the completed form on the offering plate. You can also

Speak to Lorraine Martin (Selby) or Brian Chadwick (Empey Hill) for more information.

EMPEY HILL

Lug A Mug

Please remember to bring a mug with you for coffee time during/after church.

SELBY

Dishes

If you are looking for dishes and have brought food to the church, please check the shelves in the kitchen. There are a number of unclaimed items.

SMILE

A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a minister were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and then he bailed out.

Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one and said "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out.

The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live." He also grabbed a parachute and jumped.

The minister looked at the little boy and said "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace."

The little boy handed the parachute back to the minister and said, "Not to worry Reverend. The 'smartest man in the world' just took off with my back pack."