

*Selby / Empey Hill
United Churches*



March 08, 2020

Selby Pastoral Charge
The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill
Pastoral Charge Worship
March 8th, 2020

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam
Selby Music Leader: Andrea Putnam
Empey Hill Music Leader: Marg Winter

We Gather Together

GATHERING SONG: COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come, all who need help!

Our help comes from the Lord, the one who made heaven and earth.

Come, all who desire blessing!

Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.

Come, all who long for salvation!

Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

God of the ages, we come into this special place asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love has been with us the

whole time. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your love all around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through friend and stranger. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Choir Anthem: "He's Always Been Faithful"

HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: ALL THE PEOPLE SAY AMEN

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession:

God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too often turn away from your blessing. It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives. Forgive us, O Lord. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love. During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on you, that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:

Galatians 6:2-10

Sermon: "WiiChurch – Better Together"

Music for Reflection

THEME HYMN – VU#602 - BLESSED BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

We Respond to God's Word

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: STANDING ON THE PROMISES

Benediction

Going Out Song

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.

Announcements

We extended happy birthday wishes to the following people who are celebrating in the upcoming week:

Janelle Tulloch – March 08th
Lois Thomlison – March 09th

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.

Church Website – www.selbyunited.ca

Every week the bulletin (with announcements) and the sermon (both audio and text format) are posted for your convenience. If you miss a week or are teaching at the Rock, you can keep up with the latest news and sermon series!

Upcoming Worship Services:

March 15th – Rev. Frank Hamper leading worship
(Rev. Mike away for March Break)

March 22nd – Celtic Worship with Guest Celtic Musicians "From Away"

April 5th – Palm Sunday – Family Service – The story of Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday brought to life. 9:45 am at Selby and 11:15 am at Empey Hill.

April 10th – Good Friday – Joint service with Selby, Empey Hill, Newburgh and Centreville United Churches! – Featuring a massed choir! 10:00 am at Selby United Church

April 12th – Easter Sunday! – 9:45 am at Selby and 11:15 am at Empey Hill.

Mark Your Calendar

The Selby/Empey Hill Men's Group will be holding their pancake supper on Friday, April 03rd at Selby Church from 5pm until 7 pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person; children under 12 - \$5.00. Tickets available at the door.

Spring Tree Sale

Newburgh United Church is having a spring tree sale – white pine, white cedar, Norway spruce and red oak. All seedlings are \$2.00 and must be pre-ordered. Pick up of seedlings is Saturday, April 25th from 9 am until noon.

SELBY

Property & Finance

The P & F Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00 pm.

SMILE

"So Grandpa" asked Dave at his engagement party "your marriage to Grandma is legendary. Everyone talks about how you two get along so well and never fight. What's the secret to your marital success?"

"Well" said Grandpa Joe after taking a deep puff on his cigar, "it all started on the way home from our wedding. We hadn't gone but a mile when the horse started giving us trouble. I gave the horse a little whip and that's when I heard your Grandma say in a low voice "that's strike one". A bit later the horse stopped again. "that's strike two " Grandma said. The third time it stopped she grabbed my shotgun out of my holster and shot the horse. I was shock!"

"What in the world was that all about?" I had protested at the time.

"That's strike one!" she said back to me.

"And that is what I owe our marital success to".