

The United Church of Canada  
SILOAM UNITED CHURCH  
Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
*Transfiguration Sunday*  
Seasonal Colour – White

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*\* Please stand as you are able.*

Large Print Bulletins and Hymn Books and Hearing Assist Devices are available. Please ask the ushers for assistance.

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S LOVE**

**HYMN SING**                      **Led by Al Newton & Helen Bruzas**  
#574 VU “Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love” (verses 1&4)  
#691 VU “Though Ancient Walls” (verses 1,2&3)  
#238 VU “O Lord My God” (verses 1, 2&4)

**WORDS OF WELCOME**                      **Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor**

**LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive):**

ONE: We are gathered in the house of God, which is meant to be a house of prayer and worship. It is up to us to make this church a true house of prayer.

**ALL: Let us pause for a moment to reflect on the attitude we bring to our worship this morning.** *(silence)*

ONE: Jesus, who is present among us, helps us to worship God in the Spirit and in truth.

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:**

*All remain seated and sing, “Let There Be Light”, #679 VU:*

**Let there be light.**

**Let there be understanding.**

**Let all the people praise God.**

**Hallowe'd be thy name!**

**OPENING PRAYER (unison):**

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Lord Jesus, you help us to worship God in humility and sincerity. You help us to worship God not only with our lips, but also with our hearts. You help us to worship God as members of a community reconciled in love. We praise you now with our voices and our songs. Amen.

**\*HYMN:**                      “Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven”    **#240 VU**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**                      **Siloam Choir**  
*“A Loving Heart”, by Timothy G. Bushong;*  
*Dr. Todd Wiczorek – director,*  
*David Parisi – accompanist, Gianna McGrath - violinist*

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**                      **Reader: Heather Elliott**  
Exodus 20:1-17 *The Ten Commandments*  
Mark 9:2-7 *The Transfiguration*  
Matthew 22:36-40 *The two greatest commandments on which all of the law and prophets depend.*

**SUNG RESPONSE:**                      “Now Thank We All Our God”    **#236 VU**  
**Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**THE MESSAGE:**                      **Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor**  
*“Moses and the Top Ten”*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All remain seated and sing #400VU “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”:*

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCES:**

*Jesus said: "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15:11*

**THE OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN: "God of Love" Tune: Edelweiss**  
God of Love, hear our prayer. Bless this offering we bring you.  
May our lives do your will; guide and guard us forever.  
Give us courage to stand for truth; help us give to others.  
God of Love, hear our prayer. Bless the offering we bring you.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison):**

Holy God, we are in awe of you and your miraculous power!  
Your glorious light shone around Jesus as he prayed on the  
mountain. Thank you for this glimpse of Jesus' divinity before  
his resurrection. The world may see just a humble teacher who  
died on a cross. Your Spirit gives us faith to recognise Jesus as  
the Saviour of the world. Fill us with joy in sharing that good  
news, so that those who are far away will be drawn to you.  
Receive our offerings through your beloved Son Jesus.  
Amen. (Mark 9:2-9)

**\*HYMN: "Jesus Bids Us Shine" #585 VU**  
*(Children return to sanctuary at this time and  
join Jen for the Children's Message.)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jen Prince**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)**

**\* COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**\* SUNG RESPONSE: "You Shall Go Out with Joy" #884 VU**  
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

**the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands!**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
(clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
(clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
(clap, clap)  
while you go out with joy.**

**CLOSING SONG David Parisi**

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**A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL**, especially to those  
who are joining us for the first time! If you do not already have a  
Church home, we invite you to make SILOAM your Church  
family! We trust this service will be a blessing to you and yours. If  
you or someone you know would like a visit, please phone 519-  
455-9201 (church) and Rev. Sheila Macgregor or Kerry Stover will  
be happy to call on you.

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**Sunday School/Children's Message Trial** - children are invited  
to meet in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel just prior to the  
beginning of our worship service to join their Sunday School  
classes. Children will return to the sanctuary toward the end of our  
service, when they will receive the Children's Message.

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**SPECIAL THANKS** to Al Newton and Helen Bruzas for the  
delightful hymn sing this morning! We also thank Gianna  
McGrath, our guest violinist, for accompanying our choir and  
hymns this morning!

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Today following worship: our Annual Huddle – Annual Meeting!  
A huge thank you to Erin for preparing our reports again this year!

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The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the friends & family of Marg Hillier, who passed away last week. Rev. Sheila conducted her graveside service this past Thursday in Otterville. The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Marg. *And Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn."*

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**Please Note** – Sheila will be away from February 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, inclusive, as she, Richard and Malcolm attend a family wedding in Ireland.

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**Family Day** – the office will be closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for Family Day.

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