

**PORTLAND UNITED CHURCH**

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**SERVICE - 11:00 AM – MAY 16, 2010**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

*\*Please stand, as you are able*

***Altogether Before God***

Prelude: *Three Canons on "Dix"* – D. Hustad

\*Gathering Hymn #175 *"This Is The Day"*

\*Welcoming One Another

Announcements & Celebrations

Duet: *"Antiphonal Praise"* – Rick Watters & Tom Badiuk

Call to Worship –back of bulletin

Prayer of Confession

**O God, we may long to move forward as witnesses to your way but many things hold us back: Sometimes we simply cannot see the right way forward in our complex lives... (silence)**

**Often we become distracted by our own agendas...(silence)**

**We can be afraid of the consequences of what we might do...(silence)**

**We find ourselves bound by our own choices, or lack of choices, as we face the world around us, O God. We are not as brave and free as some of the disciples of old. We grieve our lack of trust in you. Forgive us now.**

**We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God's love is never bound by our limitations and failures. It rises renewed in each moment, waiting on the pathway of life to offer us grace. The chains which bind our lives are torn apart by the power of God's gift of forgiveness. Thanks be to God!

Hymn **"My Love Colours Outside The Lines" (MV #138)**

My love colours outside the lines,  
exploring paths that few could ever find;  
and takes me into places where I've never been  
before, and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,  
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
and takes me into places where I've never  
been before, and opens doors outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to  
drown, body and soul need a soaking from time to  
time. And we'll never move the gravestones if  
we're not prepared to die, and realize there are  
worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
Tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where  
I've never been before, throw open doors to  
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### Children's Time & The Lord's Prayer

*The children and young people may go to Sunday School*

### ***The Word Is Proclaimed***

### Choral Prayer of Illumination #371 s.2

Acts	<b>16:16-34</b>
Epistle	<b>Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21</b>
Psalm	<b>97, page 817</b>
Gospel	<b>John 17:20-26</b>

This is the Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God**

Ministry of Music: "**How Marvellous are the Works**"

J. Martin

Sermon

### ***Serving In God's Name***

\*Hymn #569 "**You Call Us Out**"

Offertory: "**Meditation**" – R. Schumann/"Canonbury"

\*Choral Dedication of the Offering

**O Christ, whose broken cross still stands  
in all the world's distress,**

**help us to live your gift of love,  
your justice and your peace.  
Receive, O God, our thankful gifts  
and call us by Christ's name.  
Make us a light to all the world,  
a resurrection flame.**

### Prayer of Dedication

**All that we bring to you today, O God, is part of  
an act of faith. We bring our gifts and our lives,  
praying that you will expand them in every way,  
transforming what lies here into daring vehicles  
for change. Amen.**

### Pastoral Prayer

*Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Malawi, Zambia*

\*Blessing – back of bulletin

\*Choral Response #586 s 1&2 "**We Shall Go Out**"

Postlude: "**Allegro Maestoso**" – G. Merkel

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### ***Today:***

Scripture Reader: **Bob Bond.**

Welcoming team: **Ron Nicolle**

Counting teams: **Lorraine Stewart**

### ***Next week:***

Welcoming team: **Eric Cathcart**

Counting Team: **Richard Lingley**

### **Scripture Readings for May 23:**

Acts 2:1-21

Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

John 14:8-17

*The Bulletin today is placed in loving  
memory of  
Husband Ralph E. Smith  
by his wife Joan and family.*

**Church Council: *Worship and Music Committee***

meets monthly. Regular and special worship services are planned and evaluated. This committee coordinates the communion preparation and ushering team rotations. Requests for baptism and marriages are also reviewed and brought forward to Council. Requests by outside organizations for the use of the church sanctuary are also reviewed by this committee.

Committee members are: *Rev. Jennifer Uheyniw,*



**THE CHURCH AT WORK**  
~ May 16, 2010~

Sunday –16 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	<b>Worship</b>
Mon. – 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30- 9:00 pm	Scouts
	7:00 pm	N/A New Beginnings Group Stepping Stones
Tues. –18 <sup>th</sup>	11:55 am	Chicken Noodle Soup Club
	5:30 pm	TOPS
	6:30-8:30 pm	Cubs
	8:00 pm	A.A. Group
Wed. –19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Quilters
	11:55 am	Chicken Noodle Soup Club
	5:45-9:15pm	Play to Learn
	6:30 pm	Venturers & Rovers
Thurs. – 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Beavers
	7:00 pm	Choir
	8:00 pm	AlAnon Group
Friday – 21 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	N/A
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8am-12pm	Sea Belles practice
Sunday May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00 am	<b>Worship: Pentecost</b>

**A big thanks** to all who donated, worked and purchased items from the **yardsale!**

**A New Sign! Buy a letter for  
the New Sign - \$10 a letter:  
P-O-R-T-L-A-N-D—U-N-I-T-E-D—C-H-U-R-C-H**

***New Choir Gowns for the fall season: We need to buy 30, at \$140.00 each.. Please consider donating to the Choir Gown Fund***

**The Grace Notes Quartet CD:** a fundraiser for the church at a cost of \$15. Purchase your CD at the **church office** or call **Barry Snodgrass 642-4668** or **Dawn and Peter Gilchrist 633-1262**.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**MAY 17 7pm: Treble Clef Concert** at Forest Hills School, Glengarry Drive off Westmorland Road, East Saint John Music from the 40's and 50's. Tickets are \$10.00

**MAY 17 6:00 pm:** International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia **Rainbow Peace March;** 5:45 pm Meet at Fort La Tour **7 pm Service of Prayer and Hope at Centenary-Queen Square United Church** 215 Wentworth St. For Information: Mack Mackenzie 648-9227 Rev. Don Uhryniw 634-8288

**June 1st at 7:30 p.m:** The Carleton Choristers present their Spring Concert "Sound Bites" on Tuesday at Carleton Kirk United Church, Saint John West. Tickets are \$8 and are available from choir members or at the door. Information: 672-8601

**June 7, 6:00 pm** The next UCW meeting will be a pot-luck supper.

**June 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday:** The UCW will delivering their 'shut-in plates' for members of the congregation. Drivers and deliverers are needed. If you are able to assist with this, please contact Karen Stephen (642-3193) or the church office. "Many hands make light work."

**June 13, 7:30 PM:** The Saint John Men's Chorus will be having a Spring Concert **at Portland United Church**. Tickets are \$15.

SJMC is a group of male vocalists under the direction of David Mitchell and sing a balance of classical, popular and sacred music in four part harmony."

*June 10<sup>th</sup> marks the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*of the United Church of Canada*

*A Time to remember, renew, rejoice – and*

# Make Connections!

Our church is taking part in this special anniversary initiative called **Making Connections**. We have been randomly paired with Trinity Pastoral Charge in Merritt, British Columbia. Our Minister, Reverend Jennifer Uhryniw has contacted Trinity Pastoral Charge with greetings on our behalf, as an initial way of making a connection with other United Church of Canada folks in South Western British Columbia – between Vancouver and Kamloops. As we think about celebrating our 85 years of history in the United Church of Canada, let us remember the folks in pastoral charges across the country; from sea to sea to sea.

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***Minute for Mission: 16 de Mayo, Colombia***

Barrancabermeja, Colombia, May 16, 1998: a beautiful evening for the neighbourhood festival. Suddenly, gunshots rang out as masked men rushed into the midst of the festival. Seven people were killed and 25 were "disappeared," never to be seen again.

Today the area is a sports field. Children kick a ball across the grass, laughing, most of them oblivious to the past horrors. The only remnant of the massacre is a wall covered in graffiti, including the words "Mayo 16, 1998" and calls for an end to violence.

Stories of paramilitary massacres are common in Colombia. The killings, kidnappings, and threats of violence are a systematic attempt to keep citizens docile and unwilling to talk about their suffering. The Colombian government ignores these crimes and, to make peace with the paramilitaries, offers amnesty in exchange for surrender of weapons and promises to stop the atrocities. The government declares there are fewer incidents, and promotes Colombia as a country that upholds human rights and that is safe for tourism and business. But the massacres and disappearances continue.

Family members of the victims of May 16, 1998, want the gunmen brought to justice; they want to find the disappeared so they can have proper burials; they want closure and healing. The Mission and Service Fund supports the Colombia-based human rights organization Justice and Life Project in its work to end violence and uphold the rights of the citizens of Colombia.

Your gifts to the Mission and Service Fund assist in easing the pain of those afflicted by violence and offer them the hope of justice.

***We are a united church!*** *This week, ask for a blessing on the partners we support together in the Caribbean and Latin America. Also include the congregations and partners in Manitou Conference in your prayers.*

Portland United  
Church  
***Annual Congregational  
Picnic!***

***Sunday June 6, 2010***

***Following the Worship Service, we will picnic outside,  
weather permitting***

**GAMES, FOOD, SPECIAL MUSIC,  
ENTERTAINMENT AND DOOR  
PRIZES**

***Hot dogs, Hamburgers,***

***Banana Splits,***

***and***

***Beverage will be provided***

***The Congregation is invited to bring Salads***

**PLAN TO ATTEND**