

Cornwall Pastoral Charge - West River United Church

Rev. Austin Jagoe

Worship on Sunday, February 8th, 2015

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

'The Celebration of Holy Baptism'

Lectionary Readings this week

(February 8th)

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

Lectionary Readings next week

(February 15th)

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalms 30

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Mark 1:40-45

PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

ONE: This is a good day to greet one another in Jesus name.

ALL: **This is a good day to share Christ's love and Christ's forgiveness.**

ONE: The peace and forgiveness of Christ be yours.

ALL: **And also yours.**

 This Little Light of Mine (*projected*)

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

ONE: May the Spirit of Christ be with you. (light the Christ Candle)

ALL: **And also with you.**

 Christ Be Our Light (*projected*)

APPROACH TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come from homes and work to praise God.

ALL: **We are ready!**

ONE: Come from the rough places of life to worship God.

ALL: **We will find friendship!**

ONE: Come remembering all we have received, to give thanks o God.

ALL: **Our joy is great!**

ONE: Come into the fellowship of this church, to find a common purpose.

ALL: **In Christ's community we are strong.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

ONE: On behalf of the West River United Church, a congregation of the United Church of Canada, I present Landon Benjamin Moore, Carmela Jane Frizzell and Corey Frizzell to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Parents, Family, Relatives, Friends in Christ, we gather now around this font to celebrate the gift of grace in the Sacrament of Baptism.

They were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them, and bless them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them, for such belongs the realm of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it.

And then Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them."

The sacrament of baptism proclaims and celebrates the Grace of God.

Therefore we gather at this font to proclaim for Landon, Carmela and Corey the gift of God's Grace and Call in Jesus Christ, and to celebrate their welcome into the Family of Faith.

This is the water of Baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's Body.

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS

ONE: Nadine and Ben, do you desire to have your child baptized into the Family of Faith of Jesus Christ?

RESPONSE: We do!

ONE: Suzana and Corey, do you desire to have your child baptized into the Family of Faith of Jesus Christ?

RESPONSE: We do!

ONE: Corey, do you desire to be baptized into the Family of Faith of Jesus Christ?

RESPONSE: I do!

ONE: Therefore, I ask you before God, and your families and friends, do you profess your faith in God your Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit your teacher and guide?

RESPONSE: **We do!**

ONE: Will you bring up your child in the knowledge and love of God, teaching him/her the truths and duties of the Christian Faith, that she may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour?

RESPONSE: **We will, God being our helper!**

ONE: Will you join with your brothers and sisters in the mission and ministry of Christ's Church?

RESPONSE: **We will!**

ONE: Will you share with your child the Christian Life, and seek to grow with him/her in faith, hope, and love?

RESPONSE: **We will!**

QUESTIONS TO WITNESSES (SPONSORS- GOD PARENTS)

ONE: Will you do your best to assist Nadine, Ben, Suzana and Corey carry out the vows they have made here to today?

RESPONSE: **We will!**

A NEW CREED

We are not alone,

We live in God's world

We believe in God;

-who has created and is creating

-who has come in Jesus,

-the Word made flesh

-to reconcile and make new,

-who works in us and others by the Spirit

We trust in God

We are called to be the church

-to celebrate God's presence

-to live with respect in creation

-to love and serve others

-to seek justice and resist evil (over...!)

**-to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
-our judge and our hope
In Life, in Death, in Life Beyond Death
God is with us
We are not alone
Thanks be to God.**

CHURCH FAMILY COMMITMENT

ONE: We pledge to these children, their parents and Corey our support and care.

ALL: As baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves to support and uphold these children Landon and Carmela and their parents Nadine and Ben, and Suzana and Corey, and Corey himself, within the community of Faith. May God grant us the Grace to live out our baptism.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF WATER

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to God

ALL: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

ONE: (As Water is being poured) Eternal and present God, we thank You for the Water with which you bless us. Pour out, O God, Your Holy spirit upon us, and upon this water, that this font may become Your womb of new birth, our font of blessing and our source of peace.

THE BAPTISM I

ONE: Landon Benjamin Moore - I baptize you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

I sign you with the Cross of Christ, and seal it with the kiss of peace and love.

LAYING OF THE HANDS (Minister, Representative from the Congregation and Parents)

ONE: Landon Benjamin Moore, may the power of the Holy Spirit work within you that being born of Water and the Holy Spirit, you may be a faithful witness to Christ. Amen

THE BAPTISM II

ONE: Carmela Jane Frizzell- I baptize you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. I sign you with the Cross of Christ, and seal it with the kiss of peace and love.

LAYING OF THE HANDS (Minister, Representative from the Congregation and Parents)

ONE: Carmela Jane Frizzell, may the power of the Holy Spirit work within you that being born of Water and the Holy Spirit, you may be a faithful witness to Christ. Amen

THE BAPTISM III

ONE: Corey Frizzell- I baptize you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. I sign you with the Cross of Christ, and seal it with the kiss of peace and love.

LAYING OF THE HANDS (Minister, Representative from the Congregation)

ONE: Corey Frizzell, may the power of the Holy Spirit work within you that being born of Water and the Holy Spirit, you may be a faithful witness to Christ. Amen

WELCOME BY THE CONGREGATION

ONE: Welcome Landon, Carmela and Corey into the Household of Faith. We welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

ALL: We are members of the Body of Christ.

We are inheritors of God's promise.

So, in the Name of Christ, we welcome you Landon, Carmela and Corey into the family of faith.

BLESSING

ONE: The Grace of Christ attend you,
The love of God surround you – and the Holy Spirit keep you. Amen
All who are united in the Covenant of Baptism are the Body of Christ in
the world.
Go now in peace...and remember always who you are and whose you
are!

♪ 'Beautiful Gaia' (*projected*)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:21-31 Those who wait upon God will renew their strength

(New International Version)

²¹ Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? ²² He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. ²³ He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. ²⁴ No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. ²⁵ "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Mark 1:29-39 Simon's mother-in-law and many others were healed.

(New International Version)

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else--to the nearby villages--so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC – “We Are The Singers”

MEDITATION

HYMN VU 220– ‘Praise To The Lord’ *(projected)*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING and PRESENTATION

 I Saw the Rich Ones *(projected)*

DEDICATION PRAYER

ALL: O God, when Jesus sent out the disciples on their journey two by two you called them to serve you in everyone they met. Receive our gifts and ministry in the very same Spirit: we wish to reach out beyond this place and serve the community and world around us. Amen.

PRAYER TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, we have gathered in the name of Jesus to be Your people and follow Your way. We ask your presence in this worship. Speak to us through your word. Speak to us through the music we sing, and the community we experience. The calm and quiet of this *(over...!)*

Sunday morning. Call us forth to be your people in this place, and even as we pray, O God, we are aware that we continually fall short of your vision for us. Forgive us, God, when we choose to take the easy, comfortable path, rather than the path of justice and and compassion. Forgive us God, when we listen to the voices of the world, rather than the voice of Christ. Forgive us God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

QUIET TIME

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Through Jesus Christ our Lord...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name
thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN – ' VU 288– 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness' (*projected*)

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

ALL: In the power of the Holy Spirit we now go forth into the world to fulfill our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

ONE: Go in peace – love and care for one another in the name of Christ. And may the spirit of the Lord strengthen you, the glory of God shine upon you, and the faithful love and mercy of Christ Jesus fill our hearts, both now and forever more. Amen.

 **"You Shall Go Out with Joy" (*projected*)**

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