

Corner Brook United Church

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Washrooms:

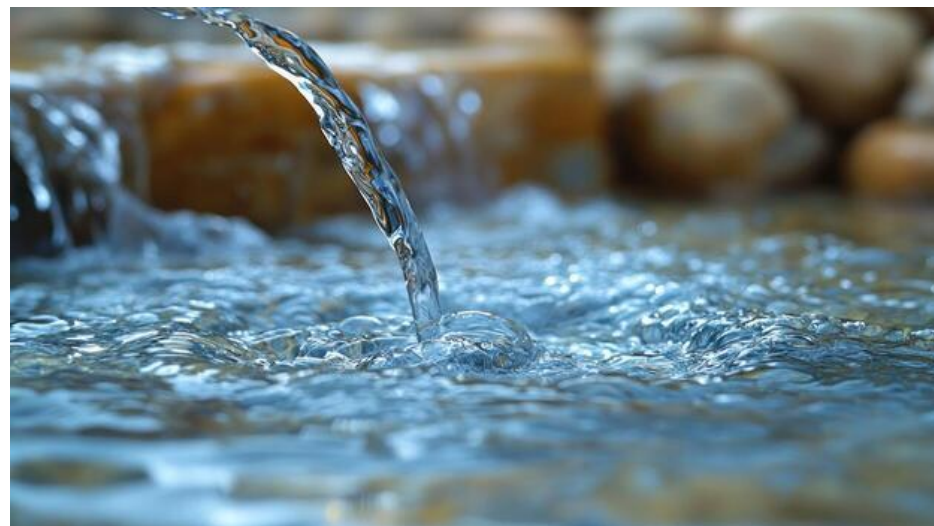
Upstairs: through the door to the right of the stage

Downstairs: the exit between the two coat racks

CBU strives to be a **scent free** facility.

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May 3, 2026



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Prelude

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: (adapted from Isaiah 43)

L: Don't fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.

P: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. When you cross through the river, it won't sweep over you.

L: When you walk through the fire, the flame won't burn you.

P: I am the Lord your God. Because you are precious in my eyes, you are honoured, and I love you.

Hymn: *Come In, Come In and Sit Down* VU 395

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Reading: Acts 2: 37 – 41

Responsive Reading: Ephesians 4: 4 – 6

L: You are called together as one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope.

**P: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
And one God and Father of all – who is over all, through all, and in all.**

L: Amen!

Anthem: *I Have Called You by Your Name* MV 161

Message: I know you by name

Hymn: *Water Flowing from the Mountains* MV 87

Sacrament of Baptism (insert)

Offertory Hymn: *Praise God From Whom* VU 541

Offertory Prayer

Community Prayer / LORD's Prayer

Hymn: *Jesus You Have Come...* VU 563

Blessing

Postlude

After the service please join us downstairs for Sunday Café.

Memorial

Local: In loving memory of husband Godfrey (Birch) Wedgwood by wife Sheila

The Sacrament of Baptism

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We gather around this font to celebrate God's gift of grace given to us through baptism. The water of baptism is a sign and seal of the washing away of sin and the gift of new life given to us through faith in Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the congregation of Corner Brook United Church we welcome the Philpott and Davis families to celebrate this great gift, as we remember the proclamation of the Apostle Paul to the church in Ephesus: one Lord, one faith, one baptism; and one hope of salvation through Jesus Christ.

The parents of this child re-affirm their faith by answering the following questions:

Do you take seriously the call to bring up your child in the knowledge of Christ, and teach them through words and deeds how to lead a Christian life? (**We do.**)

Do you commit yourselves to the ministry and mission of the Church as it reflects God's love for the world? (**We do.**)

Let us affirm our faith together:

We are not alone.

We live in God's world.

We believe in God,

**who created, and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,**

who works in us, and others, by the Spirit.

We trust in God and 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,
to proclaim the message of the Gospel,**

and to live in Christian hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God.

(The water is poured.)

Let us pray:

Gracious and loving God, on this day we give thanks for the gift of water, as a vital element of life and as a symbol of your love for us.

Throughout history water has been tied to salvation: by saving a remnant of humanity through Noah and his family, by parting the sea during the exodus of your people from slavery, by providing the water of the Jordan for the work of John the Baptist who baptized Jesus; and also the water that sustains our very lives each day.

And on this day we give thanks for the gift of water in this font. Pour out your Spirit upon this water as a symbol of the washing away of sin, and the way you pour out blessings upon your children. AMEN

The Baptism

Blessing:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. AMEN

About Isaiah: The book gets its name from *Isaiah ben Amoz*, a prophet in Israel in the 8th century BCE (who was probably the author of the first 39 chapters).

For most of the 20th century a majority of scholars held that Isaiah is a composite of writings from three separate authors, commonly called Proto-Isaiah, (chapters 1-39) written during the last days of the northern kingdom of Israel 722 BCE; Deutero-Isaiah (ch 40-55) written during the Babylonian Exile, around 550; and Trito-Isaiah (ch 56-66) written after the return from Exile, around 520. More recently, authorship of various parts of Isaiah has been subject to renewed debate, but regardless of how it's divided virtually all mainstream scholars agree that the book is not the work of a single person.

Today's responsive reading is from the probable second writer, who was struggling to proclaim a faithful response to God as the people of Judah navigated extreme social dislocation and religious upheaval during the years of exile in Babylon.



Almost the entire book of Isaiah was found among the Dead Sea Scrolls discovered in the caves at Qumran in 1947. (Shrine of the Book, Israel Museum, Jerusalem.)

Announcements

Affirming Ministry Service Today at 1:00 pm, first Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council will publicly celebrate an Affirming Ministry within the United Church of Canada. Former Regional Council president Rev. Grant Stuckless will be guest preacher for this multi-location service linked together via Zoom. If you want to join via Zoom please email pammymaegill@outlook.com for the link. Humber Valley United in Pasadena is hosting a watch party if you would like to join in watching the service with others.

The next **Outreach Luncheon** is this Wednesday, May 13th from 11:30 to 12:30 in the Lower Hall. Volunteers are always welcome.

The Men's Club's **Spring Garage Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th. Clean out your closets and sheds! Get rid of stuff that's only collecting dust! Items for the sale can be dropped off at the church during regular business hours starting on Monday, May 4th.

The UCW is having their **Used Clothing Sale** on Saturday, May 23rd in the Lower Hall. If you're no longer wearing it someone else might put it to good use. Donations can be dropped off at the church starting Monday, May 18th.

Mother's Day is just around the corner, please get your memorials to the office by Tuesday, May 6th.