

SALT SPRING ISLAND UNITED CHURCH

We are more than Sunday.
We celebrate God’s love every day.
We are guided by the teachings of Jesus.
We accept the challenges of the Spirit.
We are an affirming congregation.
We welcome all.

February 12th, 2012 (B)
6th after EPIPHANY

Ministers:	Rev. Ruth Cairns and the Congregation
Music Director:	Shirley Bunyan
Lector:	Thomas Mitchell

**Denotes places in the service where the congregation is invited to stand, if able.*

Prelude

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Passing the Peace

Introit: In You There Is A Refuge -Good/Wehlander

Opening Words: *(responsive)*

One: Sisters and brothers, we gather this morning to create a mystical fusion of human and divine.

All: **We come together to acknowledge and celebrate the Holy, who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.**

One: We are different people with different lives and histories, coming together to join hearts and hands to renew and heal our lives.

All: **May ours be a community that nurtures and supports health and wholeness.**

***Hymn:** VU #358: When Jesus the Healer

Prayer for Grace: *(in unison)*

Compassionate One, we come together with hearts aching for love, with arms aching for embracing, with wounds aching to be healed, with joy aching to overflow. May your love soak into our spirits like a soothing salve, and leave a tingle where there once was an ache. May all be touched by your love today and no one be turned away.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Grace

***Hymn:** VU #598: When Pain of the World

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Kings 5: 1 - 14

Reader: This is the witness of the Hebrew people.

All: **May we be guided by their wisdom.**

Responsive Psalm: VU #32, pg. 759

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 40 - 45

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: May the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

Anthem: Search Me, Lord *-Tommy Dorsey*

Sermon: Expectations

***Hymn:** MV #98: Like a River of Tears

Offertory

***Sung Response:**

I'll praise eternal God with all my heart,
and I will recount your marvelous works and
glorify your name.

I'll praise eternal God with all my heart.

I'll make you, my God, the subject of my joy.

Alleluia!

***Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** MV #209: Go, Make A Difference

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

Postlude

Pray for our Church

This week, let us pray for:

"Newfoundland and Labrador Conference"

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10 a.m.

Sermon:

"Expectations "