

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
Holy Communion
First Baptist Church Halifax
February 4, 2018



Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude:

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organist

Arabesque and Clair de lune- C. Debussy

Please use this time to settle for worship

***Please stand as you are able**

***Processional Hymn**

Congregation

#446 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" (AUSTRIAN HYMN)

***Call to Worship:**

Rev. Jenny Drewitz

We've come to worship God,

who makes streams flow from rock,

who turns the parched earth into springs of water,

and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

As the deer thirsts for flowing streams,

so we thirst for You, O God.

Come, let's worship our life-giving God,

who pours out living water on all who thirst.

***Prayer of Confession**

God of living water, the love you have shown us in Jesus is more than we deserve. Forgive us for the times we do not turn to you. Your arms are open wide, ready to welcome and restore. We come thirsting for living water. Guide us to the streams of your wonder and glory, your justice and righteousness, your grace and mercy; that we may drink and be satisfied, renewed for our continuing journey with Jesus. In your name, source of life, we pray, Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Rev. Jenny Drewitz

Anthem

Choir

Anthem: "Kyrie" - P. Halley

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jenny Drewitz

***Children's Hymn:**

Congregation

#382 "Somebody's knocking at your door" (SOMEBODY'S KNOCKING)

Children are welcome to come to the chancel steps during the last verse.

Children's Story

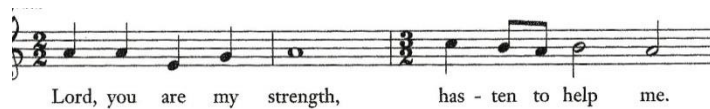
Andrea Mathis & Congregation

First Testament: Proverbs 3:13-20 (pg. 586)

Diana Hazelton

***Psalm Lesson:** Psalm 42:1-4, 8
(the Inclusive Bible)

Rev. Jenny Drewitz & Congregation



Like a deer longing for streams of cool water, my whole being longs for you, my God.
My soul aches for God, for a God that lives! When can I go and see God face to face?

Every day, O LORD, you ordain your love toward me, and during the night you bring me your song.

My only food, day or night, is my tears; they recriminate me: “Where is your God?” they say. **R**

These things I remember as I pour out my soul like water—how I would go with the crowds and lead them into God’s house, amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, drunk with a dance of celebration.

Every day, O LORD, you ordain your love toward me, and during the night you bring me your song.

“Why so dispirited?” I ask myself. “Why so churned up inside? Hope in God!” I know I will praise God once again, for you are my Deliverance; you are my God. **R**

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3 (pg. 240)

Kate Thompson

***Gradual Hymn**

Congregation

#399 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” (DUNLAP’S CREEK)

Gospel: John 4:1-42 (pg. 94)

Rev. Dr. Rusty Edwards

Sermon: *Give Me A Drink!*

Rev. Dr. Rusty Edwards

Offertory Anthem Choir & Soloists: Julia Velasco, Amanda Zadeh, djembe: Emmanuel Solomon
Freedom Trilogy- Halley

***Presentation of Offering:** Offertory Response (DIX)

As they offered gifts most rare, At that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Dr. Rusty Edwards & Rev. Jenny Drewitz

*Communion Hymn

Congregation

#513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"(LET US BREAK BREAD)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Deacon Marsha Hurshman

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Peace

Sharing the Holy Feast

Communion Anthem

Choir

Kyrie for bread and wine- Halley (Freedom Trilogy)

Prayer After Communion

Rev. Jenny Drewitz

*Recessional Hymn

Congregation

#391"Take my Life and Let it Be" (HENDON)

*Benediction & Choral Amen

Rev. Dr. Rusty Edwards

Postlude:

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ

Hymn to Freedom – O. Peterson

News Notes

Our Prayer List

We pray for all members of our congregation, especially those who are in frail health and unable to join with us for worship and activities. Particular prayers are requested for: Lynne Alary, Judy Morton, Pearl Stevens, Marjorie Morrisson, Betty Deal, Dr. Daniel Macintosh, Marion Crowell (HI), Jeunne Schoales (Parkstone).

Faith Development Notes

African Heritage Sunday

Sunday February 11

Guest Speaker in Morning Worship: Craig M. Smith

A Halifax, Nova Scotia-based writer, author, historian and a sergeant with the RCMP, Craig M. Smith has written extensively on African – Canadian achievement. His books include: Journey: An African Canadian Educational Resource (2000); The Ultimate African Heritage Quiz book: Maritime Edition (2008); The Journey Continues: An Atlantic Canadian Black Experience (2012). Craig Smith is a Harry Jerome Award winner (a national award for excellence in African-Canadian achievement), and a Rev. Dr. W.P. Oliver Wall of Honour inductee of the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia. In September 2015, Sgt. Craig Marshall Smith, M.O.M., became the first Black RCMP member to be appointed to the Order of Merit of Police Forces.

New Parent and Tot Drop-In Program

Weekly Tuesdays from 9:45-11:15 am

First Baptist Church Halifax, Creche (second floor)

Parents/guardians and children up to age 5 are welcome to drop in for a morning of play time, story and song. Complimentary peanut-free snacks provided. Please contact Rev. Jenny Drewitz with questions.

Youth and Young Adult Baptism Class

Feb, 11 and 18, 12-1:30pm – includes lunch

Youth Room

Please hold our two participants in your prayers. If you would like to sponsor (IE: prep, serve and clean up) one of the lunches, please speak with Rev. Jenny. Receipts will be reimbursed.

Community Notes

Canstruction 2018! Last Weekend to Vote!

The FBCH youth have introduced two possible themes for this year's project - a piano themed tag line "music to lift the soul and feed the body" or a Scales of Justice tag line "can we balance the effects of hunger?" Donation bins and sketches can be viewed during coffee & conversation. We will build the theme that receives the most donations. All donations (cans & monetary) go to Feed Nova Scotia. Build date is March 7th, public exhibit from Mar 7-10 at Sunnyside Mall. Contact Rev. Jenny Drewitz or Deacon Bryan Darrell with any questions.

Valentine's Dinner

Saturday February 10, 6:30pm

Assembly Room

Mark your calendars for this year's Valentine Dinner! Tickets are \$10 per person or \$30 for families. Tickets will be available for purchase outside of the parlour after Sunday worship or from the office during regular business hours.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

Tuesday February 13, 5pm – 7pm (Pancake race at 6pm)

Assembly Room

The youth and Scouters of the 36th Halifax Scout Group invite you to attend a delicious pancake supper. The supper features Scouter Howard's unique homemade pancake recipe, sausages, maple syrup, sweets, and coffee/tea/kool-aid. Plan to stay for a short program at 6pm with a brief history of Shrove Tuesday featuring a pancake race led by FBCH clergy Rev. Rusty and Rev. Jenny. No need to purchase tickets prior to the supper; just come when you would like. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children, and \$22 for a family. All of the proceeds will be used for new tents for our Venturers, Scouts and Cubs. See you there!

ARK Sunday Supper

Sunday February 18th

St. Andrew's Church

Volunteers are needed to prepare the casseroles (ham & vegetable bake). The recipe is beside the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the parlour. These meals are an important way for our church community to provide a hot meal for people experiencing hardship in our city.

Men at Work Breakfast

Saturday, February 24, 8:30-10:00 AM

Stage (breakfast), Parlour (discussion).

Dr. David Mensink will present and lead the discussion on: **Beyond Mansplaining – finding the words and acts of love your partner needs.** David will help us explore the ways of finding words and actions your partner needs to hear and see. He'll also help us understand what does not work. David is a Registered Psychologist, who works at Dalhousie University and is an active member of our congregation. His professional areas of interest include: couples counselling, relationship issues and counselling, resolving relationship loss and grief, anxiety, depression and stress management. All men are welcome! Please RSVP to: neil.ritchie@invictahealth.com, call 902 489-9123 for more information or if you need transportation.

Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday February 25, following worship service

Assembly Room (light lunch will be served)

Please mark your calendars for our Annual meeting where we will consider the reports from staff, boards, committees and other groups. We will receive the reviewed 2017 Financial Statements, and will receive reports from our nominating committees. Copies of the 2017 Annual Report will be available by mid February.

Tellers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers for the following months: July and August (4 each month); September (2); October (3). Please contact Joe O'Brien joe_obrien@eastlink.ca if you can help.

Members in the Community

As a church family, we want to share some wonderful news about a few lady entrepreneurs in our congregation. Last week, the 2018 Halifax Chamber of Commerce Business Awards took place and it seems that a few of our members did not go home empty handed! Julia Rivard-Dexter won the award for *Innovative Business of the year*, while Julie Shore and Arla Johnson captured the silver award for *New Business of the year*. Our sincere congratulations to these ladies as we wish them continued success!

Wider Community Notes

United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week

February 1 – 7

This is an opportunity to visit sacred spaces in Halifax to observe, meet, and engage with diverse faith communities. The website ihhalifax.ca contains all of the details.

This Week in Our Church: Feb. 4 - 10

Please refer to the calendar on our website for a complete list of activities.

Church Office hours: Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

Today

12:00pm, Congregational Budget Meeting, (light lunch)
Monday – 10:00am, Face of Poverty, Boardroom
Tuesday – 9:45am, Parents & Tot, Creche
Wednesday – 10am – Good Friday Planning Meeting
Wednesday - 11am, Clergy Meeting
Wednesday – 6:30pm, Board of CE, Boardroom
Thursday – 7:00pm, Choir Practice
Saturday – 6:30pm, Valentine's Dinner

Next Sunday: February 11, 2018;

10:30am Creche, Worship
6th Sunday of Epiphany
Guest Craig Smith
11:45am, Coffee & Conversation,
Parlour



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Dr. Pauline Allsop, Deacon Emerita

Our Mission

To be an inclusive and ecumenical community of believers in Jesus Christ, committed to proclaim God's mission of love by word and deed.

Our Vision

To be a Christ-centered community of diverse people experiencing God's unconditional love and acceptance, finding opportunities to grow and nurture our faith, and sharing that love, acceptance and faith with the world.

"Using gifts God has given us to do the work God is calling us to do!"

Welcome to First Baptist Church Halifax! If you are visiting with us today, please know how glad we are to have you with us as we worship God together. We invite you to complete a visitor's card, located in the hymnal rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate later in the service. You are also invited to stay for coffee & conversation immediately following the service. We gather in the parlour, right behind the sanctuary.