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OLD HAY BAY CHURCH



The Church as viewed from Hay Bay

Adolphustown, Ontario, Canada

Sunday, August 25, 2013

HAY BAY CHAPEL

Sunday, 3:00 p.m., August 25, 2013

Presiding: Rev. David O. Jones Speaker: Rev. John Young
Organist: Marian Moon

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME - with remembrance of Rev. Bill Lamb

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God calls us not to drift through life, reacting to whatever fate hands out, but to choose what life will hold, to discipline our lives so that we move towards goals reflecting our status as God's people.

People: Let us commit ourselves in worship to discovering God's will for us, and following it, bringing God's purposes to reality in us and in our world.

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Charles Wesley
(tune: Darwall's 148th - John Darwall; desc. Sidney Nicholson)

Rejoice the, Lord is King, Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.

refrain - Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love,
When he had purged our sins, he took his seat above.

refrain

God's kingdom cannot fail; Christ rules o'er earth and heaven,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.

refrain

Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come
To glorify the saints for their eternal home.

Refrain

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come to us, O God, like a gentle rain, softening the dried and hardened places of our spirits. Come, like a warming sun, opening us to rebirth of wonder and joy and love. AMEN.

HYMN: “And Can It Be”

Charles Wesley

(tune: Sagina - Thomas Campbell)

**And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior’s blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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**He left His Father’s throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam’s helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature’s night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive, O God, our tendency to be elsewhere, to live in the past with pleasant memories or in the future with golden dreams. Our lives are hollow when we waste our moments of ‘now-ness’, when we live somewhere else when the moments of truth and challenge go by unrecognized and barren of fulfillment. Help us to live with joy as your people and to attack the problems of our day with faith that we can make a difference.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 11:1 - 12:2

Witness to the Word

MESSAGE: “More Than a Memory”

Rev. John Young

HYMN: “Love Divine”

Charles Wesley

(tune: Hyfrydol - Rowland Prichard)

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art,
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ever trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty, to deliver, let us all thy grace receive,
Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be,
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: "A Charge to Keep I Have"
(tune : old 134th - St. Michael)

Charles Wesley

**A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky:**

**To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil,
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will.**

**Arm me with jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live;
And O, Thy servant, Lord, prepare,
A strict account to give.**

**Help me t watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely,
And let me ne'er my trust betray,
But press to realms on high.**

John Wesley's Rule for Christian Living

Do All the Good You Can,
By All the Means You Can,
In All the Ways You Can,
In All the Places You Can,
At all the Times You Can,
To All the People You Can,
As Long as Ever You Can!

BENEDICTION

Minister: Now unto our Lord, who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us before God faultless and joyful, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, now and forever.

People: Amen.

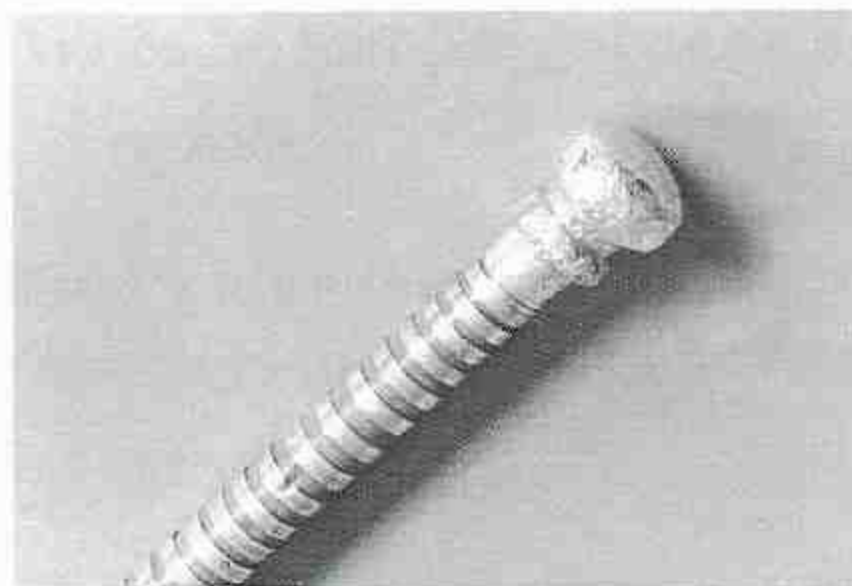
Minister: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all.

People: Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

OUR THANKS:

*To Bob & Dale Woodside and to Kathy Staples
for arranging refreshments served after the worship service*



**Missing: The Old Hay Bay Church 'Conference Cane'
Have you seen it?**