

Choir: When My Heart is in a Lonely Place

Topic: **AIDS Niagara's Role in the Community**
by Marie Belliveau

Closing Hymn: #123 Spirit of Life

Closing Words:

“Life is a journey of choices set out by the universe
The choices we make determine our future
We must be vigilant and aware of our choices
First to choose life, then to choose life to make the world a
better place.

Postlude: Theresa Pothier

Sunday Services

January 2010

- Jan 22** Out of the Cold
Hilde Wheeler: 905-685-4936
- Jan 24** **Newsletter Deadline** - *to Sofia Vuorinen please*
- Jan 24** **Eliminating Poverty** – *Sid and Chris Frere*
- *S.L. Sofia Vuorinen*
- Jan 31** **Sharing the Faith**

February 2010

- Feb 7** **Annual General Meeting** - Lunch to follow.
Please join us for Soup du Jour
- Feb 14** **Love in Words and Song** - *Carl Beckett*
- Feb 21** **Ways of Seeing: How Movies Influence Our
Opinions** - *Kevin Jacobi*
- Feb 21** **Newsletter Deadline** - *to Sofia Vuorinen please*
- Feb 28** **Rotary Club** – *John Teibert*
- *S.L. John Mayer*

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Order of Service
Sunday, January 17, 2010

Service Leader: Marie Belliveau

Prelude: Theresa Pothier

Welcome: We welcome all new visitors to our service and those who are more familiar to us today. We appreciate your taking time out of your week to visit with us and we look forward to getting to know you whether it's your first time visiting this congregation or you hundredth time.

Announcements:

Opening Words:

We are gathered here as individual people:

Young and old;

Male, female and other

Temporarily able and disabled;

Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight people,

All colours of the human race;

Theist, atheist, agnostic;

Christian, Buddhist, feminist, humanist.

We gather here as a community of people who are more than categories.

We gather here—each ministering to the other, meeting one another's strength, encouraging wholeness.

We give thanks for this extraordinary blessing—the gathering together of separate, unique individuals as one whole, one body, our congregation.

Here our minds stretch; our hearts open, our spirits deepen.

Here may we acknowledge our brokenness and be ever stirred by love's infinite possibilities.

By Barbara Hamilton-Holway (with changes by Marie Belliveau, to better reflect our congregation)

Chalice Lighting:

We light this chalice to celebrate the inherent worth and dignity of every person;
To affirm the historic pledge of liberal religion to seek justice which transcends mere legality and moves toward the resolution of true equality;
And to share that love which is ultimately beyond even our cherished reason,
That love which unites us.
By Steven Stock

Hymn: #6 Just as Long as I have Breath

Joy & Concerns:

I chose this because of the people I meet at AIDS Niagara, the staff, the volunteers and especially the clients show such courage and conviction to make those changes that are so badly needed and when I am fortunate enough visit I see that unbroken spirit and it lifts my spirit to just be a small part of courage and conviction.

Courage:

Victory is often a thing deferred, and rarely at the summit of courage....
What is at the summit of courage, I think, is freedom.
The freedom comes with the knowledge that no earthly power can break you;
That an unspoken spirit is the only thing you cannot live without;
That in the end it is the courage of conviction that moves things,
That makes all change possible.
By Paula Giddings

Offertory: *This congregation operates on the monies contributed by its members and friends, this is our home. Please give with your hearts. If you are a first time visitor to this congregation, please feel free to be our guest and let the plate pass you by. We thank everyone for your contributions.*