

***A Service of Worship and Covenanting
between St. Paul's Pastoral Charge,
the Reverend Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles, and
Woolastook Presbytery of the United Church of Canada***

Sunday, January 20, 2013

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude I Love To Tell the Story Douglas

Lighting of Christ Candle or Other Candles

Welcome Rev. Kelly Burke, Chair of Woolastook Presbytery

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn: Hear I am, Lord VU # 509

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures Texts: Galatians 4: 11-13
2 Corinthians 3: 4-6

Message Rev. Mary Taylor

Prayers of The People

WE ENTER INTO COVENANT

Hymn Take My Life and Let It Be VU 506

Promises of the Covenanter

Presider: (to covenanter) Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles, in the presence of this congregation, do you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Covenanter: I do.

Presider: Will you accept the discipline of the Presbytery and, together with its other members, be responsible for the oversight of the church's life?

Covenanter: I will.

Presider: Will you accept the support and encouragement of this pastoral charge and Presbytery?

Covenanter: I will.

We make a glad offering

Your offering may be given in your regular weekly envelopes, please note that all loose offering will be forwarded by Presbytery to the Mission & Service Fund.

Offertory From Thy Throne on High Gluck

Musical Offering VU 542

***We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.***

Offertory Prayer

Departing Prayer

Departing Hymn: Lord, You Give the Great Commission VU 512

Musical Postlude Ye Holy Angels Bright Ritter

A time of community and refreshment will

Towel and basin

Presenter: Be among us as one who serves.

People: *Amen.*

Presider: Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles, members of the Pastoral charge and Presbyters, let these symbols be meaningful in the ministry that is yours and ours within this Presbytery.

Prayer

Response to the Covenant

Presider: Let us rejoice in the covenant we have made.

Anthem Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You Althouse

We present Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles who has been called to an ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care in the St. Paul's Pastoral Charge. We believe she is qualified and has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

Reading of the Warrant to Covenant

Doreen Kissick, Secretary of Woolastook Presbytery

Statement of the New Ministry

Presider: You, Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles, are about to undertake the ministry of word, sacrament and pastoral care in this place. You, the members of this pastoral charge are called to join with Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles in worship, study, prayer and action. We, the Woolastook Presbytery, are responsible for the oversight of this ministry. Let us ask God's grace as we covenant together.

Let us pray

Gracious God, by our baptism into the faith of Jesus we are called to carry out his ministries. We pray to you: pour out your holy spirit on us as we commit ourselves to work together in Jesus' name. Amen.

Introduction of the Covenanter

Blaine Irving
Chairperson of the Congregational Board

Promises of the Pastoral Charge Members

Presider: Will you join with Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles in a ministry of worship, study, prayer and action within your pastoral charge and community?

People: *We will.*

Presider: Will you support Lori Beth as she serves among you in ministry?

People: *We will.*

Promises of the Presbytery

Presider: Will you, the members of Woolastook Presbytery, join with Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles and this pastoral charge in the ministry that is both theirs and ours?

Presbyters: We will.

Presider: Will you exercise oversight for Lori Beth's work and witness, and support and encourage them in this ministry?

Presbyters: We will.

Presentation of the Symbols

A Bible

Presenter: Take this Bible. Be among us as one who teaches and proclaims the Word.

People: *Amen.*

Water

Presenter: Be among us as one who baptizes in the name of Christ.

People: *Amen.*

Bread and wine

Presenter: Be among us as one who breaks the bread and blesses the cup.

People: *Amen.*