

An outreach of the Rockwood Community Church of Rockwood, Maine  
Week of March 14, 2004

**The Log Chapel**

“The *Heart* within the Heart of the Moosehead Lake Region”

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“Celebrations of Life and Ministry”

*Prayer:*

God of love,  
As in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,  
So may we give ourselves to You,  
Living according to Your holy will.  
Keep our feet firmly in the way  
Where Christ leads us;  
Make our mouths speak the truth  
That Christ teaches us;  
Fill our bodies with the life  
That is Christ within us.  
In His holy name we pray. □

Book of Common Worship

*Reflection:*

Today is the third Sunday of Lent! Time goes so fast anymore! It can't be that long ago that we put the Christmas cards away and wrapped the olive wood nativity set in soft cloths for another year of storage. Yet, this morning as I read the Scripture Lesson for the third sermon in the Lenten series leading up to Easter, I was all too aware that in three weeks it will be Palm Sunday and Holy Week. We're halfway there!

Have I used the time well, Lord? Have I been accountable and focused on the tasks You've given me? Have I deepened my commitment to the One who went into the depths for me? Have we become closer in our Lenten pilgrimage, You and me, as we've walk the walk and talked the talk?

As the days lengthen and the sap slowly and silently rises in the maples trees along the mountain road, only to be caught in the drip, drop, of the containers and from there transformed into that precious golden delight of syrup, so may my soul stretch up toward You, while the steady beat of my heart counts past the seconds to the transformation of life in the Garden of Easter morn.

A number of years ago I wrote in my book, *Living on the Growing Edge*, these words –

the dust shaded snow sags  
ice melts reluctantly  
hardening into strange slippery shapes  
still in the morning I can hear  
the courageous birds'  
early call for Spring  
and across the crust  
of Winter's dark debris  
I feel the stirring warmth  
of Your eternity  
Yes, Easter follows soon  
when Winter wanes away.  
Thank you Lord

Dr. Robert L. Veon

***Prayer Concern List:***

Anne Loiselle, Paul & Jackie McCourtney, for continued health and strengthening  
Phillip Snowden Brackin, III – known as Trey  
Peace in our time for all time!

*"Whatever you ask in my name I will do it."*- Jesus