

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

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May 27, 2018 11:00 a.m. Trinity Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“The emptying, unsettling times of low tide appear to rob us of our experience of divine love when, instead, these rhythms are an intrinsic part of the developing relationship.” *Joyce Rupp*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship the God who inhabits our world.

All: and indwells our lives.

One: We need not look up to find God,
we need only look around.

All: within ourselves, beyond ourselves,
into the eyes of one another.

One: We need not listen for the distant thunder to find God,

All: We need only listen to the music of life,
the words of children,

One: the questions of the curious,
the doubts on our journey of discovery,
the rhythm of a heartbeat.

All: We worship the Holy One who inhabits our world
and who indwells our lives.

(adapted from “Touch Holiness” Ruth Duck & Maren C. Tirabassi)

*OPENING HYMN: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”
VU 315

OPENING PRAYER:

O God of Mystery, as we gather in this place of worship help us to open our hearts and minds to experience that loving Presence within us and all around us. We confess we sometimes love easy answers more than deep questions. Teach us to love our

questions, O God. Teach us to struggle with faith. Abiding Presence, deepen our faith when you seem far from us. Help us to place our trust in you, Divine Companion, as we travel life’s path. Teach us to live with your holy mysteries. We pray in the name of Love. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Jesus Loves Me” VU #365
(Children come to front)

CONVERSATION TIME:

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Heather Fyffe

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD...

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 25 VU pg. 752

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:13

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-13

SERMON: “After the Storm”

*HYMN: “Will Your Anchor Hold” VU #675

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE
THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

*THE DOXOLOGY: 541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER: (all)**

Generous God, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward the world. Amen.

(adapted from "Touch Holiness" Ruth Duck & Maren C. Tirabassi)

***CLOSING HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord"**

VU #509

***COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION**

***SUNG BLESSING:**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
 God will go with you each hour of everyday.
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
 Know He will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in love, and show you believe.
 Reach out to others so all the world can see.
 God will be there watching from above.
 Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
 Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE

MINISTER
 ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR
 OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
 CUSTODIAN

REV. KELLY HIGGINS
 HEATHER FYFFE
 MARSHA DALEY
 EDWARD GALLANT

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Welcome to all! May this worship experience be meaningful and spiritual for you. Everyone is invited to share in **coffee/tea/cookies** and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Heidi & Tom O'Connell and next week will be the Worship committee. **Tellers** today are Dale Horncastle & Wayne Alexander and next week will be Mike & Gail Oliver. **Taping** the service today is Chris Banks and next week will be Lindon Miller. In the **Nursery** today is Marsha Daley.

A warm welcome is extended to **Rev. Kay Clowater**, our guest minister for today! Thanks for sharing your message with Gibson!

Services & Meetings this week: May 28 –June 2, 2018.

Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
Wednesday	6:15	Pathfinders
Thursday	7:00	Finance Meeting

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

June 3	11:00	Sunday School Service & Potluck
June 6	1:30	Pastoral Care
June 8	9:00	Set-Up for Yard Sale
June 9	8:00	Gibson Yard Sale & Breakfast 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
June 12	9:30	Pie Day
June 13	4:00	Steak and Chicken BBQ
June 17	11:00	Father's Day & Graduation Sunday & Holy Communion

Gibson Memorial United Church will be celebrating our **Graduates** from High School, Community College or University on **June 17th**, during the morning service. Could you please let Marsha know before **June 10th** if you would like their names in the bulletin. Thanks!

The Robert Maynard Coburn Memorial Scholarship. The scholarships, valued at \$200.00, are made possible through a contribution from the estate of **Mr. Allan Greene** given in loving memory of **Bobby Coburn**, the brother of Mr. Greene's wife Helen, who was killed in a tragic accident in 1943 at the age of eleven years. The scholarships will be awarded to high school graduates who are members or adherents of Gibson Memorial United Church intending to further their education at the University, Community College or equivalent upgrading level. Application forms are available at the church office. The deadline for submitting an application is **Friday, June 8, 2018**. The Scholarships will be presented on June 17, 2018.

Summer Student. Gibson is also very pleased to announce that **Tyler Seymour**, through a shared United Church Grant and Gibson Memorial Church, will be working at Gibson for the summer. Gibson will be offering a **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** for a week this summer...watch upcoming bulletins for more details!

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan. (average)	95	2,303	- 1,097
Feb. (average)	85	1,970	- 3,527
Mar. (average)	86	2,312	- 4,589
Apr. (average)	97	2,747	- 3,737
May 6	91	2,358	- 3,956
May 13	113	2,874	- 3,659
May 20	84	2,272	- 3,964

Finance Notes:

-We need approx. \$2,577* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$878 per week) is included in the amount for each week.

-Bulletins can be donated in memory of loved ones. The cost of bulletin covers is approx. \$20. Bulletins can also be donated for Anniversary, Birthday and for other Celebrations.

-PAR, Pre-Authorized remittance is available. Please contact the office for more information.

-\$2,577 is comprised of Local, Special Projects & Special Offerings.

A Message from the Office:

During Coffee Time, you will notice a “**Welcome Table**” has been set up to provide you with all kinds of resources and information that may be of interest to you. Whether you’ve been here 30 years or 6 months this table may have information that may be of interest to you. Today, the table has copies of **THE UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER**, the devotional called **THE UPPER ROOM, MISSION AND SERVICE PAMPHLETS** that let us know how the UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA is involved in helping people in Canada and in the World, and information on **BAPTISM and GRIEVING**. *PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE ANY OF THESE RESOURCES. Also on the “Welcome Table” are boxes of Gibson United Church’s offering envelopes and information on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance). If you take a box of envelopes please write your name on the envelope list and include the number that is listed on the box. Please take time to check out our “Welcome Table” as you share in Coffee and Conversation. Thanks so much!

Upcoming Community Events: (see bulletin board for details)

May 27	Hymn-Sing & Concert at Forest Hill United, 7 p.m.
May 27	“Amazing Grace” Music Event at Nashwaaksis United Church, 7 p.m. There will be a free-will offering with refreshments served.
June 3	Fundraiser Music Concert at Trinity United Church Minto, with special guests. Lintuhtime Music Choirs of Oromocto, 3 p.m.
June 7, 8, 9	Monty Python’s SPAMALOT , presented by Collective Theatrics, with Musical Director: Heather Fyffe, at the Tom Morrison Theatre, \$20 per ticket.
June 16	Annual Opal Family Services Community Fair, Yard Sale & BBQ, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Gibson Memorial hall

Office News:

-Are you receiving messages from Gibson? We are presently sending out messages to our Gibson Family by email, facebook and telephone. (Please note if you have Rogers as your telephone company you won’t be able to receive telephone messages) If you would like to be on our email list, please give us your email address. Thanks!

-**Rev. Kelly** is attending conference, May 24 – 27th and will be on vacation beginning Monday, May 28 to Monday, June 4th. Rev. Kelly will be back in the office on June 5th. If you are in need of Emergency pastoral care, please contact the office.

-A Summer Service Worship Survey insert is included in the bulletin. Please mark your preference and place in the Ballot box locate at both doors. Thanks!

Mission & Outreach News:

-On behalf of Mission and Outreach, I would like to say a VERY “BIG” thank you for your generous response to our bare cupboard. You always respond very quickly and with kindness to our brothers and sisters who are struggling in so many different ways in our community. It is wonderful to witness to your FAITH in ACTION. THANKS to ALL of YOU, we were able to feed hungry families this week! Kelly☺

-In the bulletin you will find a **Benevolent Fund envelope** in support of local needs. Please don't feel obligated to give each month, we are taking small steps towards helping our community.

Thank you note: Alexina & Perry Stewart would like to thank all the families that made donations in memory of Wilson Sobey, Alexina's brother. Your 'thoughts' have been greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Fundraising events

Feb. 13	Shrove Tuesday Dinner – Profit: \$1,225
Mar. 21	Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner– Profit: \$960
Apr. 18	Catering to Progressive Credit Union - \$1,120
Apr. 25	Catering to Retired Nurses - \$1,015
May 8	Catering to Folks on Spokes - \$300
May 16	Church Dinner – \$1,140
June 8	Set up for Yard Sale & Breakfast – 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
June 9	Yard Sale & Breakfast – 8 – 12 noon
June 12	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
June 13	BBQ Steak or Chicken – 4 – 6 p.m. (Tickets will be on sale June 3 rd)

Volunteers are needed to help with making pies, set-up, working at the dinner and clean-up, so mark these dates on your calendar! We are asking families of the congregation to donate **\$20 a year** towards the cost of purchasing supplies. (Approximate cost per dinner is \$300, excluding the meat.) **Thanks to the congregation for their continued support of our Fund Raising.**

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