

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

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September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 11:00 a.m. Fifteenth after Pentecost

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Teachings come from everywhere when you open yourself to them. That’s the trick of it, really. Open yourself to everything and everything opens itself to you.” R. Wagamese

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 22:24

One: God does not neglect the poor and neither will I;

All: God does not ignore their suffering and neither will I;

One: God does not turn away from them and neither will I;

All: God answers them when they call for help and so will I.

Together: What better way is there but to be kind, loving and compassionate to those who travel this road of life? Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN: “Morning Has Broken” 409

OPENING PRAYER: (Silence). As we dig deep into the silence O God of Compassion, inspire us to see what’s right in front of us. Grant us courage to reach out to the love of living, instead of the fear of dying. When we reach out in this way we create more life for us and for those around us. It will be hard work—bringing friendship to the lonely, food to the hungry and acceptance to those living on the fringes of everyday society is filled with many challenges. Stick with us God. We need your inspiration and your strength to keep us walking through life and making a difference. We pray in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN/TIME: “God of the Sparrow” 229

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD...

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: The Walk to Emmaus

SERMON: “What’s Right In Front of You?!”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Heather Fyffe

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER 959

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: “Teach Me, God to Wonder”  
Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God to see;  
let your world of beauty capture.

*Chorus: Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated, joy you give.*

Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,  
see you in my neighbour when we meet.

*Chorus: Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated, joy you give.*

\*CLOSING HYMN: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” 288

\*COMMISSIONING & 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**

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MINISTER	REV. KELLY HIGGINS
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR	HEATHER FYFFE
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	MARSHA DALEY
CUSTODIAN	EDWARD GALLANT

Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 12 noon and 1 – 3 p.m.

Rev. Kelly's office hours: Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday, 9 – 12 noon.

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**CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION**

**Welcome to all!** May this worship experience be meaningful and spiritual for you. Everyone is invited to share in **juice, cookies** and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** next Sunday will be the Worship Committee and Sunday, Sept. 16 will be Alice Sewell & Joel Wallace. **Tellers** next Sunday will be the Daley's and Sunday, Sept. 16, will be Mickey & Betty Lou Flanagan.

**Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

Sept. 9 11:00 Welcome Back Sunday and Potluck: Bring a Friend  
 Sept. 11 7:00 Worship Meeting  
 Sept. 18 7:00 Council Meeting  
 Sept. 23 11:00 Collective Theatrics Group  
 Sept. 26 7:00 Trustees Meeting

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Florence Chase & Family** on the death of Florence's brother-in-law, *Winston Chase*.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Margaret Hawkes* by David & Gloria Higgins, Lyman & Carrie Coy, Deborah Burns, Christine Montague, Donna Styant, Fred Barton and Bob & Patricia Elliott.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Charles Cameron* by Ruth Hawkes.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Jacqueline Stewart* by Jean Henry.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Lorraine Coffin* by Gary Hughes and Kent Shaw.

Donations have been made to the **Benevolent Fund** in memory of *Lorraine Coffin* by Ronald & Lillian Davidson, Ray Parker, June & Robert Scott, Elma & Malcolm Walton, Roberta Williamson, Steve & Joan Clarkson, Julia Clarkson, Glorna Morehouse and David & Anne White.

**Office News:**

-Rev. Kelly needs your help ... If you know of anyone who is in the hospital, or in need of a visit, please contact the office!

-Children's book are available for "free". Please check out the books in the hall!

-**Thank you** to everyone who brought groceries to help families in need. Also thanks for your support of the **Benevolent Fund**. Your generosity makes "miracles" happen within our community.

-**Volunteers** are needed...if you would like to help with **Greeting** (once or twice a year), **Tellers** (counting of the offering approximately 4 times a year), **Taping of the Services** (once a month), **Reading of the Scriptures** (as often as you like☺) and in the **Nursery** (once every two months) please contact the office.

**Offerings & Attendance Update: 2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Offerings</b>	<b>+/- to date</b>
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 (average)	91	2,440	- 3,644
June (average)	85	2,638	- 3,402
July (average)	77	2,834	- 2,118
Aug. 5	62	2,229	- 2,466
Aug. 12	55	2,292	- 2,751
Aug. 19	52	2,285	- 3,043
Aug. 26	60	2,465	- 3,155

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

**Upcoming Community Events:** (see bulletin board for details)

Sept. 15	UCW Yard Sale, 8 – 12 noon at Marysville United Church
Oct 11	Adult Singing Workshop at Central United Church, Moncton NB., 7pm. with Dr. Victoria Meredith
Oct. 12 – 14	Choral Fest 2018, Come Sing with us! Central United Church, Moncton. Registration Deadline, Sept. 28

**Sunday School News!**

Exciting plans are underway for the upcoming Sunday School season. We have a new curriculum “**The Whole People of God**” and it’s awesome! Welcome Back Sunday will be Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and the children will be gathering in the hall for fun activities and snacks! Formal classes will begin Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Sunday School are in need of:

**Teachers**

Large foam floor tiles

Couch pillows

Green table clothes

Old magazines

You may contact Jessica Clement at [jess.clement@hotmail.com](mailto:jess.clement@hotmail.com) if you have any questions. Thanks everyone for supporting our children!



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