

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10:30 a.m. Fourteenth after Pentecost

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Sometimes, it’s all we can do to just be present, where we are,  
accepting our fears and anxious minds. Maybe later, if we’re  
lucky, we can even laugh at ourselves a little.”

...Former Moderator David Giuliano

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Watching morning break I realize again that darkness doesn’t  
kill the light--it defines it.

All: We are the light that shines forth from our faith, our  
courage, our willingness to be vulnerable and to be responsible.

One: Let us be kind, loving, compassionate and forgiving as we  
walk together in the morning light.

All: Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN: “Make a Joyful Noise” 100

OPENING PRAYER: God of morning light, we look for traces of  
you as the sky lightens and the day begins. Help us to find  
moments of quiet today so that we may feel your nearness to us.  
Our days can be so busy; sometimes dark. In the words of an old  
children’s prayer we pray: “Be with us in the dark, through the  
night-time dark of shadows; through the daytime dark of  
sadness.” We pray to you, the one who promises to hold our right  
hand, who says “Fear not, I will help you.” Amen

CHILDREN’S HYMN/TIME: “Like a Rock” (see insert)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD...

HEBREW LESSON: Isaiah 9:2

SERMON: “An Unwelcome Traveling Companion”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Hallelujah” Tyler Seymour

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

\*THE DOXOLOGY:

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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: “Nothing More”

To be humble, to be kind  
It is the giving of the peace in your mind  
To a stranger, to a friend...  
To give in such a way that has no end

Chorus

*We are love*

*We are one*

*We are how we treat each other when the day is done*

*We are peace*

*We are war*

*We are how we treat each other and nothing more*

To be bold, to be brave;

It is the thinking that the heart can still be saved

And the darkness can come quick;

The danger’s in the anger and the hanging on to it.

Chorus

\*CLOSING HYMN: “We Are Pilgrims” 595

\*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION: “Breathe On Me...”

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

\*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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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Summer Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 1:00 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.

#### Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Welcome Back Sunday and Potluck

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 Council Meeting

Today’s Bulletin has been donated in memory of **Bernadine Henderson** (May 7, 1931- August 26, 2013) by Stuart & Family

**Donations** have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in loving memory of **Helen Milburn** by Doreen Kissick, Sandra Pond, Lyman & Carrie Coy, Edna Wishart, Diann Etter & Allen Green, Boyd MacTavish, Mickey & Betty Lou Flanagan, David & Barbara Morrison, Richard & Margaret Allen, Rod & Hazel Stairs, and Susan Dodds.

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**Worship** services at Gibson Memorial will be at **10:30 am** during the months of **July and August**. We hope you will be able to worship with us. **PLEASE** consider bringing a **FRIEND** with you this summer! We have lots of fun planned!

#### Office News:

-**There is no formal Nursery for the summer months.** There are children activities bags by the front door, and if I’m (Marsha Daley) in attendance, I will gladly supervise in the Nursery.

-**Heard it through the grapevine...** Rev. Kelly needs your help during the summer months... If you know of anyone who is in the hospital, or in need of a visit, please contact the office and let us know!

-Children’s book are available “**free**”. Please check out the books in the hall!

**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 (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

**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.

In today’s bulletin you will find the **Mission and Outreach Benevolent Fund envelopes** in support of our local outreach. Also our pantry supply is getting low and we could use donations of bread, eggs, soup, peanut butter, Kraft Dinner and healthy snacks for kids such as pudding, fruit cups, juice boxes etc... Donations and envelopes can be dropped off at any time during the week.

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

- Aug 26 Blueberry Supper at St. Andrews United Church, Harvey Station. 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- 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

**Good News for Edward!...Sad News for Gibson ☹**

As of August 31<sup>st</sup> of this year Edward will be retiring. Edward the FAITHFUL or as Kelly likes to call him FRED has always been there for us with a joke, a laugh, a smile, a broom or a vacuum! He has kept all of us on our toes in addition to keeping Gibson Church sparkling clean. We love you and thank you for all of your years of service. Party Pending!!!! Rock on Edward...☺

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**Custodian Position:** The M & P Committee are now accepting applications for the above position. Resumes can be dropped off at the office, or you may contact Lorne Henry, Chair of M & P at 459-7583.

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**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 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](mailto:jess.clement@hotmail) if you have any questions. Thanks everyone for supporting our children!

