

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

April 14, 2019 Palm Sunday Holy Communion

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“A small but still resilient voice

Says hope is very near...”

from *When You Believe* by Andrew Schwartz

A Gospel Story: Luke 19:28-42a

*Tom O’Connell*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: Collective Theatrics

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP:**

*One: “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” sung by the Collective Theatrics*

Congregational Response: “Hosanna, loud Hosanna the happy children sing.”

**\*THE PALM PROCESSION: (children enter Jerusalem)**

*One: “Hosanna” sung by the Collective Theatrics*

Congregational Response: “Hosanna, in the Highest!” That Ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; earth, let your anthems sing.

**PRAYER:** Living God, you give us this day, full of hope and promise. As our ancestors waved palms in praise of Christ, we bring our praises too, that in joy, we will re-commit ourselves to doing justice and loving kindness. We pray, in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi, who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.

**\*HYMN:** “The Church Is Wherever God’s People” 579

CONVERSATION TIME

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

**PSALM READING: Psalm 31**

**SERMON: “I’m Not the Only One”**

**COLLECTIVE THEATRICALS: “When You Believe” by A.Schwartz**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

**COMMUNION HYMN: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” vs.1 288**

**SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE**

**A PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION PRAYER: “The Prayer”**

(written by Irene Sankoff and sung by the Collective Theatrics)

Congregational Response:

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there’s doubt, true faith in you. Amen.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**LENT CHALLENGE 6**

**RESPONSE: God of the Bible (verse 5 and Chorus)**

Hope we must carry, shining and certain  
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly one to the other,  
till our world changes facing the Cross.

**CHORUS:**

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.  
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**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.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Your importance in our lives, O God, is reflected in our gifts. We return to you, through the ministry and outreach of our community, a portion of all you have entrusted to us. We promise that these offerings will not be the end of our giving. We will also invest our time in the work of healing and comforting those who need us in Devon. Bless each gift we give today. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"**

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**\*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**

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MINISTER  
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR  
OFFICE ADMINISTARTOR  
CUSTODIAN

REV. KELLY HIGGINS  
HEATHER FYFFE  
MARSHA DALEY  
BRIAN BUBAR

**Sunday Worship: 11 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**

**Good morning and welcome to EVERYONE.** May this worship service be a blessing in your day. Everyone is invited to share in a **coffee/tea/juice** and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Edward & Gladys Gallant and next week will be Jean Henry and Hallie Cameron. **Tellers** today are Brian & Joy Veno and next week will be Mickey & Betty Lou Flanagan. **Taping** the service today is Lindon Miller and next week will be Lorne Henry. In the **Nursery** today is Melissa Banks and next week will be Erin Price.

**Services & Meetings this week: April 15 - 20, 2019.**

Monday 9:30 Shuffleboard  
Tuesday 1:30 Women Together  
**6:00 Council**  
Thursday **7:00 Maundy Thursday Service** - Rev. Kelly & Council members will be leading this service

**Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

Apr. 21 11:00 **Easter Sunday:** Baptism & Transfer of Membership Service  
May 5 11:00 **145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service** & Potluck  
The Worship Committee will be leading the service.

**Today’s bulletin** has been donated in loving memory of *Boyd & Helen MacTavish*. “We will be forever thankful for the wonderful guiding hands through out our lives and knowing God has two amazing Angels now. Till we meet again.” Donated by Richard, Nancy & Judy.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Darren O’Donnell* by Sandra & Mel Pond.

**Women's Retreat: "Empowering Women Together - A Celebration of Women"** will be hosted by Gibson Memorial United Church, May 11, 9 – 11 a.m. Breakfast, Testimony's and Great Company with guest speaker, **Rev. Kelly Burke**. \$12/person and free childcare will be available, advise if childcare is required at Ticket Purchase. (see bulletin board for poster)

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **John "Jack" Boulter** by Bill & Margaret Field.

**Youth Forum & Intermediates @ Conference, May 23 – 26<sup>th</sup>.**

The **Youth Forum** is for youth, grade 10 to age 19 and the **Intermediates** are for youth, grades 7 – 9. This conference is held in Sackville, NB. Each group provides a place for youth to explore their faith and to learn more about the United Church while sharing in music, worship and fun in a spirit-filled community. (Bursaries are available) For more information please contact Rev. Kelly. Rev. Kelly and Roxanne Stewart will also be attending this Conference. At this conference, the Annual Meeting of Regions 14 & 15 will be held, which is a gathering of representatives who make decisions and set policies for the United Church of Canada.

**The Nomination Committee** for Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region (Region 14, which is Gibson Memorial United Church) is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the following committees: Property; Financial & Mission Services; Faith & Education Formation; Mission, Justice & Outreach; Archives and Records; and Incorporated Ministries. If you would like more information please contact Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Chair, at 506-292-1680.

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE- Sunday, April 28 @ 3 p.m.** An Invitation from Rabbi Goldman and Sgoolai Israel Synagogue: The congregation has been invited to the Holocaust Commemoration Service. The keynote speaker is a Holocaust survivor named Andy Rati. Because this commemoration service is well attended it will be held at the Capital Community Church, 71 Downing Street in Marysville. All are welcome.

**Offerings & Attendance Update: 2019**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan.	72	2,178	- 1,685
Feb. 3	97	2,552	- 1,733
Feb. 10	91	2,036	- 2,297
Feb. 17	85	2,022	- 2,875
Feb. 24	98	2,433	- 3,042
Mar. 3	76	2,683	- 2,959
Mar. 10	106	2,084	- 3,475
Mar. 17	90	2,409	- 3,667
Mar. 24	88	2,126	- 4,141
Mar. 31	112	4,022	- 2,719
Apr. 7	136	2,540	- 2,779

**Finance Notes:**

-We need approx. \$2,600\* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$947 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.

-\$2,600 is comprised of Local, Special Projects & Offerings.

**Upcoming Community Events: (see bulletin board for more info)**

April 16	DEATH EXPO 2019, 2 – 7 p.m. at the STU Conference Centre. A first-of-its kind event to share information & resources about end of life care
April 26	Rummage Sale at Wilmot United Church, Friday, Apr. 26, 3 – 6 p.m. and Saturday, Apr. 27, 9 - noon
April 27	The Fredericton North Heritage Fair, hosted at the Kincentre on School Street in Devon. There will be 28 exhibitors with the theme "Remembering our Past".

## Upcoming Fund Raising Events:

**Mar. 5**      **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** - Profit: \$1,361

**Mar. 27**      **Turkey Dinner – Profit: \$1,905**

**Apr. 23**      Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.

**Apr. 24**      Catering to Retired Nurses Dinner - 12 noon

**May 13**      Pie Day – 1:30 p.m.

**May 14**      Catering to Fredericton Quilters – 6 p.m.

**May 21**      Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.

**May 22**      Church Dinner – 4 – 6 p.m. (Menu pending)

**May 28**      Catering to Folks on Spokes – 12 noon.

**May 31**      Set up for Yard Sale – 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**June 1**      Breakfast & Yard Sale – 8 – 12 noon

**June 14**      Catering to a Wedding - 7 p.m.

**June 18**      Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.

**June 19**      Steak/Chicken BBQ – 4 – 6 p.m.

### **Notes:**

- We are gladly accepting your **Yard Sale** donations! Please call the office and let us know you are coming and we will store the items in the church basement.
- **Volunteers** are needed for each event. If you haven't volunteered for an event and would like to, please let me know and we will welcome you! Otherwise volunteers will receive an email before each event.
- And each year we ask families of the congregation to donate **\$20** towards the cost of purchasing supplies!

## **PALM SUNDAY CHALLENGE**

Today is Palm Sunday. Last week, we invited everyone to call or visit someone who is lonely. Does anyone want to tell us how they did that this week?

This week, your challenge is to do something sacrificial. We would like you to do something that costs you a little bit. It might cost you some time or some money, or it might mean going out of your way for someone else. For instance, you could do a chore around your house that somebody else usually does, or you could give some of your time to help someone with a project. Make this different than something you usually do. So, this is your challenge for the coming week. Let's confirm our commitment to this by singing...



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