

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.**

**April 21, 2019      "Joy is in the Air"      Easter Sunday**

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**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

\*denotes standing for those who are able

**PRELUDE      WELCOME      ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**"I don't understand it any more than you do, but one thing I've learned is that you don't have to understand things for them to be."**

**--A Wrinkle in Time**

**JOY comes with the DAWN**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"      155**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**One: Joy is in the air! Today is a new day!**

**All: We come with the past behind us, and the future open.**

**One: We come to celebrate the new life Christ brings.**

**Together: Living Christ be present in the lives we live, the words we speak and in the love we share. Alleluia! Amen!**

**PRAYER: (Begin with silence) In this moment of mystery, in this moment of hope, in this moment of life, Loving God -- Open our hearts to wonder! Open our senses to the possibilities! Open the tombs that we've created. Show us that they are full of new possibilities. Grant us hope that as we work away at healing the brokenness within ourselves and the world, that we always remember that no matter how dark it gets the sun is going to rise again. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN: "Like A Rock"      (see page 7)**

**CONVERSATION TIME**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:1-12**

**MEDITATION: "Whatever *It* May Be"**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**BAPTISMAL HYMN: "Jesus Bids Us Shine"      vs.1**  
**Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,**  
**like a little candle burning in the night.**  
**In this world is darkness, so let us shine,**  
**you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM: Vaughan Eugene Munn**

**CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE: We promise our love, support and care. Amen.**

**BAPTISMAL HYMN: "Jesus Bids Us Shine"      vs.3**  
**Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;**  
**many kinds of darkness in the world are found:**  
**sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,**  
**you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

**TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP: We, the Gibson Church Family, welcome Maureen Betts, Natalie Capson-Daniels, Brad Daniels, Minard Jewett, Valerie Jewett, Lois Martin, Marson Martin, Heidi O'Connell, Tom O'Connell, Heather Randall, Brenda Robison, Reginald Short.**

**CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE: As your brothers and sisters in Christ we welcome you with JOY and THANKSGIVING. We surround you with the love that strengthens us all. We invite you to the love and labour of this congregation. Together we will share in the mission and ministry of Christ's church as we do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. Welcome.**

May we all be witnesses to the world of the love shown by the Creator and by Christ. Amen.

**RECITATION OF THE NEW CREED** (see back of bulletin)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (sung) **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.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

God of peace and justice, we thank you for the blessings in our lives. We ask that you show us ways to begin sharing these generous gifts with others who may be less fortunate, but no less deserving of your *shalom*. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, the itinerant Jewish Rabbi, who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"** **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**  
**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 **coffee/tea/juice and conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Jean Henry and Hallie Cameron and next week will be Lori & Mike Donovan. **Tellers** today are Mickey & Betty Lou Flanagan and next week will be Wayne Alexander. **Taping** the service today is Lorne Henry and next week will be Lorne Henry. In the **Nursery** today is Erin Price and next week will be Melissa Banks.

### **Services & Meetings this week: April 22 - 27, 2019.**

Monday	9:30	No Shuffleboard
Tuesday	9:30	<b>Pie Day</b>
	1:30	Women Together
	7:00	<b>Finance Committee</b>
Wednesday	12:00	<b>Catering to Retired Nurses</b>

### **Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

Apr. 28	11:00	Guest minister: Rev. Brian MacDonald
May 5	11:00	<b>145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service &amp; Potluck</b> The Worship Committee will be leading the service.
May 9	1:00	Pastoral Care Committee
May 11	9:00	<b>Women's Retreat</b> (see below)

**Today's bulletin** has been donated in loving memory of **Bonnie Grant**, June 23, 1942 – April 8, 2012, by Robert Grant & Family.

A **Lily** has been placed in the sanctuary in memory of **Boyd & Helen MacTavish** by Richard, Nancy, Judy and their families.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of our cousin, **Darren O'Donnell**, by Marie, Kevin, Lisa & families.

A donation has been made to **Gibson Memorial United Church** in memory of **Bernadine Henderson** by Stuart & Family.

**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, Sharing 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)

**Universal Portraits Studios Update:** Your photos are here and in the parlour. Also, Universal Portraits would like the Gibson Church family to know that if you were away or have decided to have your picture taken for the 2019 Photo Directory, there is still time! They will be at Nashwaaksis United Church, May 21 and 22, and you can call 1-888-769-7339 to book appointments. **ALSO, we need to know if you want your address and phone number included in the 2019 Directory. If you wish to opt out, please let us know.**

**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.

**The Robert Maynard Coburn Memorial Scholarship.** The Scholarships, valued at \$200, are made possible through a contribution from the estate of Mr. Allan Greene given 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 7, 2019 and the scholarships will be presented on June 16, 2019.**

**Sunday School News:** The Sunday School Program is in need of more **volunteers!** If you have some time and would like to help with our children, please contact Jessica Clement or Ashley Sheppard.

**Rev. Kelly** will be on vacation from April 23<sup>rd</sup> until April 29<sup>th</sup> and will be back in the office on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Brian MacDonald will be on call for emergency pastoral care.

**Offerings & Attendance Update: 2019**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan.	72	2,178	- 1,685
Feb.	93	2,354	- 3,042
Mar.	94	2,665	- 2,719
Apr. 7	136	2,540	- 2,779
Apr. 14	137	2,531	- 2,848

**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 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”.

**Like a Rock**

**Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.**

**Like the starry night sky God is over our head.**

**Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.**

**Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.**

**Upcoming Fund Raising Events:**

<b>Mar. 5</b>	<b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Profit: \$1,361</b>
<b>Mar. 27</b>	<b>Turkey Dinner – Profit: \$1,905</b>
<b>Apr. 23</b>	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
<b>Apr. 24</b>	Catering to Retired Nurses Dinner - 12 noon
<b>May 13</b>	Pie Day – 1:30 p.m.
<b>May 14</b>	Catering to Fredericton Quilters – 6 p.m.
<b>May 21</b>	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
<b>May 22</b>	Church Dinner – 4 – 6 p.m. (Menu pending)
<b>May 28</b>	Catering to Folks on Spokes – 12 noon.
<b>May 31</b>	Set up for Yard Sale – 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
<b>June 1</b>	Breakfast & Yard Sale – 8 – 12 noon
<b>June 14</b>	Catering to a Wedding - 7 p.m.
<b>June 18</b>	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
<b>June 19</b>	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!

## A New Creed

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone,  
Thanks be to God.