

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

April 28, 2019 11 A.M. Second Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: We know the generosity of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though as God's Son he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor,

P: **So that we through his poverty might become rich.**

L: God made Jesus who knew no sin to become sin for us,

P: **So that we might become the righteousness of God through him.**

ALL: **So today we thank and worship God for God's amazing gifts, knowing that Christ is also risen. Alleluia!**

***OPENING HYMN: "The Day of Resurrection" 164**

OPENING PRAYER: Easter Prayer VU 174

CHILDREN'S HYMN: "Hallelujah, Hallelujah..." 179
(v.1-2 as they come forward, 3-4 as they leave)

CONVERSATION TIME:

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mark 1:14-15, Luke 17:20-21,
Luke 24:13-32**

SERMON: "How Easter Unleashes the Kingdom Within Us"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

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.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: VU 930C**

***CLOSING HYMN: "Spirit, Open My Heart" see page 7**

***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 Lori & Mike Donovan and next week will be the Worship Committee. **Tellers** today are the Wayne Alexander Team and next week will be Mike & Gail Oliver. **Taping** the service today is Lorne Henry and next week will be Chris Banks. In the **Nursery** today is Melissa Banks and next week will be Heather Randall.

Services & Meetings this week: April 29 – May 4, 2019.

Monday	9:30	No Shuffleboard
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

May 5	11:00	145th Anniversary Service & Potluck The Worship Committee will be leading the service.
May 9	1:00	Pastoral Care Committee
May 11	9:00	Women's Retreat (see below) Tickets are on sale today after the service.

Today we welcome **Rev. Brian MacDonald** as our guest minister. Thanks Rev. Brian for sharing your message with Gibson today!

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.**

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 23rd until April 29th and will be back in the office on April 30th. 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	3,478	- 1,901
Apr. 21	126	5,694	+ 1,193

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)

Apr. 29	Prayer Vigil at City Hall, 6:30 p.m. in support of people affected by religious intolerance. All faiths are welcome to this Vigil. The contact person is Rev. Deborah, 999-4189. If City Hall isn't available because of flooding, the Vigil will be at Forest Hill United Church
May 4	Yard Sale at New Maryland United Church 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Rain or Shine)
May 10	TAKE OUT Ham Supper at Nashwaaksis United Church. Please reserve your take out by Thursday, May 9 th with Rindy or Tom, 450-9452.

Upcoming Fund Raising Events:

Mar. 5	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Profit: \$1,361
Mar. 27	Turkey Dinner – Profit: \$1,905
Apr. 24	Catering - Retired Nurses Dinner – Profit - \$904
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!

Spirit Open My Heart

**Spirit open my heart,
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love;
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit open my heart.**

God replace my stony heart,
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace, I now surrender.

(Refrain)

Write your love upon my heart,
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed,
may my living bring you glory.

(Refrain)

May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.

(Refrain)