

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

May 19, 2019 11:00 a.m. Fifth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

**“People fear miracles because they fear being changed—
though ignoring them will change you also.” Leif Enger**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Morning breaks,

All: And the miracle of the day is before us!

Together: May the Peace of God be with us wherever we are
on our journey of life. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN: “Morning Has Broken” 409**

OPENING PRAYER: (silence)

**God who touches earth with beauty, thank you for life. As day
breaks upon us, inspire us to bring the gifts of kindness and
compassion to the people we meet today. Gently open our eyes to
see that all we have are moments. Inspire us to live them as though
not one can be wasted. Fill us with the gift of love and the courage
to share it. We pray in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi who
spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “To Show by Touch and Word” 427

CONVERSATION TIME

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PSALM 67 *Brian Veno* 786

A GOSPEL STORY: John 5: 1-9

SERMON: “For a Moment...”

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: Gracious God, thank you for our place
of belonging. It is good to gather with our church family each
week. We are a diverse and devoted group committed to making a
difference in people’s lives. May our gifts be used to bring healing
to those who struggle for their own place of belonging. In Jesus
name, we pray. Amen.**

***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

MINISTER
 ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR
 OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
 CUSTODIAN

REV. KELLY HIGGINS
 HEATHER FYFFE
 MARSHA DALEY
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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 Brian & Joy Veno and next week will be Alexina & Perry Stewart. **Tellers** today are Morrison & Seymour Team and next week will be Dale Horncastle & Wayne Alexander. **Taping** the service today is Lindon Miller and next week will be Lorne Henry. In the **Nursery** today is Lindsey MacKay and next week will be Ashely Sheppard.

Services & Meetings this week: May 20 - 25, 2019.

Monday		Victoria Day - Office is closed
Tuesday	9:30	Pie Day
	1:30	Women Together
Wednesday	4:00	Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

May 26	11:00	Guest Worship Leader: Bob Miller
May 28	7:00	Council
May 31	9:00	Set Up for Yard Sale & Breakfast, 9a.m. – 7 p.m.
June 1	8:00	Yard Sale & Breakfast 8 a.m. – 12 noon
June 2	11:00	Hymn Sing Service
June 16	11:00	Sunday School Service & Potluck Father's Day and Scholarship Presentations
June 23	11:00	Holy Communion Sunday

A donation has been made to Gibson Memorial United Church in memory of *Murray Jones*, April 23, 1932 – May 16, 1998 by Aletha Jones and Family.

Rev. Kelly and Roxane Stewart will be attending Regional 14 & 15 Council Meetings, May 23 – 26th in Sackville N.B. Guest Worship Leader will be Bob Miller for the May 26th service. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, you may call the office.

Universal Portraits 2019 Photo Directory Update: The directories are almost ready, if you had your picture taken and its in the book, your book is free. If you submitted a picture or would like to purchase a book for \$20, please let the office know by May 24th.

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.**

Mission and Outreach Committee News: The Gibson food cupboard is in need of pasta sauce, bread, peanut butter and children's snacks. Any donations would be appreciated. Thanks. Also, if anyone has a pair of size 8 men's sneakers to donate, we have someone in our community in need. The Benevolent Fund envelope will be in next Sunday's bulletin. Thanks for support our outreach projects!

Council News: Council News and church updates will now be posted on the bulletin board.

Worship New: Summer Sunday Services will be at 10:30 a.m., July 7th to August 25th.

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.	118	3,412	+ 527
May 5	135	4,165	+ 2,092
May 12	101	2,293	+ 1,785

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.)

May 26	Spring Dinner, BBQ Chicken at Harvey United Adults \$15, two sittings 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
May 26	The Brunswick Street Baptist Church Adult Handbell Choir Concert, at Brunswick Street Church, 6:30 p.m.
June 13	Collective Theatrics presents: A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder. June 13, 14, 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 at Joy of Framing.

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 14	Catering to Fredericton Quilters – Profit - \$737
May 21	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
May 22	Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner – 4 – 6 p.m. (tickets on sale today after the service)
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 5	Catering to Elm City Quilting Guild – 6:30 p.m. (Cold Salad Plate)
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!