

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

**June 23, 2019                      11:00 a.m.    COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

\*denotes standing for those who are able

**PRELUDE                      WELCOME                      ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“You were born with potential. You were born with ideals and dreams. You were born with greatness. You were born with wings. You are not meant for crawling, so don’t. You have wings. Use them.” ...Rumi...

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**Lighting the CHRIST candle**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: All we have are moments. So let us live them as though not one can be wasted.

**All: Let us honour our moments with our full presence and good intentions.**

Together: It is good to be here, to sing, to pray, to walk in God’s way. Amen.

**\* OPENING HYMN: “Let Us Build a House”                      (insert)**

**PRAYER: God of new beginnings, thank you for keeping us in life. Thank you for this day. We have been learning that ‘morning’ is *your* way of saying one more time, go make a difference, touch a heart, encourage a mind, inspire the soul. May we use this day well. And when the day ends may we be filled with hope and gratitude for what is and what is to come. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S HYMN: “God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall” (insert)**

**CONVERSATION TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES**

**PRESENTATIONS to GRADUATES: Erika Chase & Jillian Shaw**

**BLESSING**

**All: May God bless you and keep you.  
May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. Amen.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**PSALM: “Make a Joyful Noise”**

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**MEDITATION: “Oh, the Places You will Go!”**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**COMMUNION HYMN: “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.” 3x**

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

**COMMUNION PRAYER: “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”**

**All: Make me a Channel of your peace:**

**Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there’s sadness, ever joy.**

**O Spirit, grant that I may never seek,  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**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.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (all) God of love and generosity, it's so very easy to take the small blessings for granted. We are blessed 1000 times over each and every moment of each and every day. Thank you for all of our gifts. May our blessings be used in ways that bring healing and hope to those in need. We pray in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi, who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN:** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" 684

**\*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	REV. KELLY HIGGINS
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR	HEATHER FYFFE
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	MARSHA DALEY
CUSTODIAN	BRIAN BUBAR

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 12 noon and 1 – 3 p.m.

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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 Kevin & Lindsey MacKay. **Taping** the service today is Lorne Henry. In the **Nursery** today is Trianda Fox and next week will be Heather Randall.

**Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

June 25	9:30	Pie Day
June 26	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Catering to retired Nurses</b>
June 30	11:00	Guest Minister: Reverend Murray McFarlane
July 7	10:30	Guest Minister: Reverend Lisa Greenwood

**JOYS AND SORROWS:**

**Today's bulletin** has been donated in loving memory of Helen MacTavish, September 3, 1931 – June 21, 2018, by Nancy & Ron, Ashley & Levi & girls, & Stephen & The MacTavish Family.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Reverend Bob Stevens & Family** on the death of *Louise Stevens*.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **John & Colleen Booker** on the death of John's uncle, *Lester Bartlett*.

Congratulations is extended to **Hans & Lolita Gunter** on the birth of their 1<sup>st</sup> grandchild, *Theo Hans Cook!*

Rev. Kelly is away on a Continuing Education Course at the Seton Spirituality Centre from Monday June 24-Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> she is on vacation. She will be back in the office on Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>. For emergency Pastoral Care please call the office, or call Marsha at 461-7740.

**WORSHIP NEWS:** Summer Sunday Services will be at 10:30 a.m., July 7<sup>th</sup> to August 25<sup>th</sup>. During the summer months juice & cookies will be served at the kitchen counter, so please help yourself. Also, great news, the **Nursery** will be supervised!

**Sunday School News:** The Sunday School would like the church family to know that the **Big Red Bear** is now in the Narthex. If you are happy or sad and in need of a hug, please feel free to hug the bear or to pick up a glass stone... **“You’re never alone.”**

**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	94	2,654	+ 741
June 2	95	3,163	+ 1,304
June 9	84	2,104	+ 808
June 16	105	2,379	+ 587

**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.

**Finance News:**

*Summer is almost here! Usually attendance drops and offerings decline over the summer months and to maintain our current “positive offerings” to meet the 2019 Budget we are asking families to consider your “donations” over the summer months. Your donations will further the work of God and provide dynamic worship, programming for all ages and will help us provide resources for our outreach programs.*

*Have a great summer! Finance Committee.*

**2019 High School Graduates**

**Congratulations:**

***Erika Chase***, daughter of Rodney & Marie Chase  
Granddaughter of Florence Chase. Erika graduates from FHS and will be attending UNB in the Business Administration Program.

***Alexander (Alec) Huestis***, son of Tara Huestis and David Huestis  
Grandson of Richard & Margaret Allen. Alec graduates from Charlottetown Rural High School.

***Asa Pond***, son of Aaron & Tammy Pond  
Grandson of Roxanne Stewart. Asa graduates from Stanley High and will be attending STU.

***Jillian Shaw***, daughter of Lisa & Danny Shaw  
Granddaughter of Irvine & Judy Banks. Jillian graduates from FHS and will be attending STU.

**2019 University Graduates:**

**Congratulations:**

***Katie Malcolm***, Granddaughter of Maureen Betts. Katie graduates from Wilfrid Laurie University in Waterloo, Ontario with a Bachelor of Honours Degree.

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**The recipients of the Robert Maynard Coburn  
Memorial Scholarship are:  
*Erika Chase and Jillian Shaw***

The Scholarships 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.

### **LIFE LESSONS FROM FIVE-YEAR OLDS**

1. On making friends...“Help them read if you’re bigger than them.”...HAZEL
2. On keeping friends... “Don’t walk away from them.”...DANIEL
3. On lifting your spirits when you’re sad... “I just lie down and that makes me happy.”...ROWAN
4. On lifting a friend’s spirits... “Rub their hand. And give them a Band-Aid if they need one.”... CALUM
5. On lending a helping hand... “If the swing’s too high and someone feels sad because they can’t get on it, the tallest person has to help.”...LOLA

I wish all of you a summer filled with family gatherings and adventures. I hope you make friends like Hazel and Daniel, read some good books, lend a helping hand like Lola and be gifted with many opportunities like Rowan and Calum to lift a friend’s spirits.

I’ll be keeping you close to my heart and in my prayers.

Your Minister and Friend, Kelly

## God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall

God see the little sparrow fall,  
It meets His tender view;  
If God so loves the little birds,  
I know He loves me too.

*Chorus:*  
*He loves me too, He loves me too,*  
*I know He loves me too;*  
*Because He loves the little things,*  
*I know He loves me too.*

He paints the lily of the field,  
Perfumes each lily bell;  
If He so loves the little flowers,  
I know He loves me well.

*Chorus*

God made the little birds and flowers,  
And all things large and small;  
He'll not forget His little ones,  
I know He loves them all.

*Chorus*

## Let Us Build a House

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,*  
*all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

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