

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

July 14, 2019 10:30 a.m. Fifth after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“The more light you allow within you,
the brighter the world you live in will be.” Shakti Gawain

Lighting the CHRIST candle

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Make a joyful noise all the earth!

All: Let us come to this place with a song!

***HYMN: “Psalm 100” 820**

OPENING PRAYER: (all)

Loving God, you are with *us* in the dawning of the day,
through crowded hours of work and play,
and in the star-filled stillness of the night.

In these moments, touch *our hearts* with your peace,
that *we* may know your presence,
and may love and serve you in all *we* do. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Like a Rock” 3x
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.

CONVERSATION TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

BAPTISM HYMN: “Jesus Loves Me” vs. 1 & 2 365

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Lucy Cynthia Oulton,
daughter of David and Holly Oulton.**

***CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE:** As a community of faith,
we give you our blessing and promise to uphold and care for you
and your family. We especially promise to support and honour
you as parents of this beautiful girl. As a congregation we are
committed to being a place of safety, nurture and love for your
daughter and all children. We welcome all children’s laughter
and their questions as they seek to understand who they are and
what they believe. We always watch with excitement as our
children grow in wisdom and discover what they will do to make
God’s world more beautiful. So our promise to you and your
daughter is a resounding YES, we are glad you are here and we
celebrate Lucy’s baptism with you. Amen.

BAPTISM HYMN: “Jesus Loves Me” vs. 3 365

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

BOOK of PSALMS: Psalm 139 861

GOSPEL STORY: Jesus and the Children (Family Story Bible)

SERMON: “Count the Stars”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
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:** Giving God, we offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. We promise that these offerings will not be the end of our giving. There are still people who are hungry, in need of comforting and healing. Bless our gifts so that justice and kindness may be given to all. We pray in the name of Jesus, in whose name we have gathered. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Spirit, Open My Heart” (see page 6)

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

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 12 noon and 1 – 3 p.m.
Rev. Kelly’s in-office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings,
9 – 12 noon. 183 Gibson St., Fredericton, N.B. E3A 4E4; Tel: 457-1951.
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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 juice/cookies **and conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. In the **Nursery** today is Jessica Clement and next week will be Angela Snyder.

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Aug. 11 10:30 Collective Theatrics & Cold Potluck Lunch

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Fund** in memory of *Charles Gibson* by Ruth Hawkes.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Eva Bartlett* by Robert Andrews, Alton & Rita Baker, Beryl Dorcas, Mickey & Betty Lou Flanagan and Gladys Jeffery.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Fund** in memory of *Betty Porter* by Norma Toon.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: I will be on vacation, **July 15, 16, 17**, otherwise I will be in the office for the summer months. Please call before you come for a visit as I will be taking other days off during the summer. All visits are greatly enjoyed!

Worship News: Summer Sunday Services will be at **10:30 a.m., July 7th to August 25th**. During the summer months juice & cookies will be served at the kitchen counter, **no greeters**, 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.”**

Birthday Party! *Norma Toon* will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on July 20th at the Gibson Memorial Church Hall, 2 – 4 p.m. All are welcome to celebrate with Norma and her family! Best wishes only.

Upcoming Community Events:

Sept. 7 Annual Yard Sale at Marysville United Church, 8 – 12 noon. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.
 Sept. 28 Salas Plate Take Out, hosted by the Marysville United Church Women, Cost \$10. Pick up 1 p.m.

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	85	2,537	+ 2
July 7	53	2,058	- 540

Finance Notes:

- We need approx. \$2,600* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$861 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.

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)