

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

July 28, 2019 10:30 a.m. Seventh after Pentecost

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Our solitude helps us to “be” with God and gives meaning to our lives. It re-awakens us to the presence of God in every aspect of our lives.” Joyce Rupp

Lighting the CHRIST candle

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Whether I am in the stillness of quiet prayer or in the fullness of the day’s activities, may God’s peace flow through my being.

All: Be present in our comings and goings of each day O God. Be present in every prayer we breathe. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN: “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” 374**

**OPENING PRAYER: (silence)**

Thank you God for keeping me in life. Thank you God for this day. Help me not to be afraid of the silence. Inspire me to listen and to understand my connectedness to the oneness of life. I am constantly surrounded by noise: TV, texts, the internet, music, and small talk. All of it gets in the way of trying to hear my heart speak. Help me to cultivate silence every day. Help me to feel your presence on my life’s journey. 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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

BOOK of PSALMS: Psalm 46 Tom O’Connell 770

SERMON: “Shhh...”

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: (all)**  
Giving God, in gratitude and humility we bring ourselves and our gifts to you. Inspire us to be kind, loving, compassionate, respectful, courageous, truthful and forgiving. Our friends, our families, this community and the world need these gifts. Help us always to be thankful, to offer prayers of gratitude for the blessings already present in our lives. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: “God of the Bible” (see page 6)**

**\*COMMISSIONING and BLESSING**

**\*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  
 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 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 Ashley Sheppard and next week will be Melissa Banks.

## Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Aug. 4            10:30 Guest Minister: Rev. Lisa Greenwood  
 Aug. 11          10:30 Collective Theatrics & Cold Potluck Lunch

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** I, Marsha, 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!

**CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Rev. Kelly will be away from Tuesday July 30- Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup>. The work she began at the *Seton Spirituality Centre* will be continued with Sr. Eleanor McCloskey during this week of study leave.

**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, **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.”**

**Mission & Outreach News:** Enclosed in this bulletin you will find an envelope for the **“Benevolent Fund”**. If you wish to make a donation please place in the offering plate. Thanks for supporting The Mission & Outreach Committee and their support of the Gibson community in need. A very BIG thank you to everyone who helped fill our food cupboard this week. You always go “above and beyond” when asked to help those who need it the most. Special thanks to Brad Daniels (Mission and Outreach) and Natalie Capson-Daniels for organizing our pantry. It is now so easy to find what people need when they come asking for help. Again, to all who share, we say THANKS! We couldn't bring the gifts of “grace and love” to others without your many kindnesses.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the **Barrett Family** on the death of **Rev. George Barrett**. Rev. George Barrett was the minister at Gibson Memorial United Church from 1972 – 1978. Please see back cover of bulletin for the obituary.

**Offerings & Attendance Update: 2019**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Offerings</u></b>	<b><u>+/- to date</u></b>
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
July 14	71	1,578	- 1,562
July 21	58	1,936	- 2,226

**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.

**Upcoming Community Events:**

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

**God of the Bible**

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come, you are our centre, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our home.

Chorus: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.  
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God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part, still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit, feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Those without status, those who are nothing, you have made royal, gifted with rights, chosen as partners, midwives of justice, birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Not by your finger, not by your anger will our world order change in a day, but by your people, fearless and faithful, small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Hope we must carry, shining and certain through all our turmoil, terror and loss, bonding us gladly one to the other, till our world changes facing the Cross.

**Barrett, Rev. George, Edward**, 91, Dartmouth, N.S. It is with sadness that the family announces the passing of George Barrett on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Born in Sydney, NS., he was the son of the late John and Jessie Barrett. He graduated from Mount Allison University and Pine Hill Divinity Hall, and was ordained into the United Church of Canada in 1951. He and wife Geraldine served as Missionaries in India and Jamaica. George served pastoral charges in Glen Margaret, Pugwash, Ottawa, Dartmouth, Fredericton, Moncton, Stellarton. After retirement he served as part-time minister for churches in Point de Bute and Jolicure. A beloved Minister of the people and spiritual leader, George will be remembered for his warmth, caring and compassion, and for many untold acts of kindness. Through visitation and pastoral care, parishioners everywhere fondly recall his dedication, guidance and generosity of spirit. A huge presence, he was loved for his sense of humor and welcoming smile which enveloped all like a warm embrace.

Surviving are his loving children, Gene (Susan), Ruth (Paul), Kevin (Cathy); brother Raymond (Mildred); adoring grandchildren, Brynle, (Jackie), Tessa (Joel), Mark (Marion), Kevin (Seema), Jennifer (Patrick), Kellen (Kristen), Marta (Alfred); and nine great grandchildren. He is predeceased by father John, mother Jessie, son Paul, brother Lloyd, and wife Gerry.

Cremation and memorial arrangements through Fergusons Funeral Home, Moncton. A memorial service for family to celebrate George's life will take place at Young's Cove United Church, Young's Cove, NB on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Interment to follow at the Young's Cove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Pastoral Care at Oakwood Terrace, 10 Mount Hope Avenue, Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 4K1. Donations may also be directed toward a new Palliative Care room to be dedicated at Oakwood Terrace in memory of George and Geraldine Barrett. Our sincere gratitude is extended to the staff of Oakwood Terrace and Chaplains David Watt and Marlene Knowles for their dedication and loving care.

**Praying** (Mary Oliver)

It doesn't have to be  
the blue iris, it could be  
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small  
stones; just  
pay attention, then patch

a few words together and don't try  
to make them elaborate, this isn't  
a contest but the doorway

into thanks, and a silence in which  
another voice may speak.



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