

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

August 11, 2019 10:30 a.m. Ninth after Pentecost

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“How, then, shall we love?” Joan Chittister

Lighting the CHRIST candle

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: inspired by Richard Wagamese

One: Can you think of a better way to live than in gratitude? Can you think of a better way to be than to be kind, loving, and compassionate?

All: We can think of no better way. Let us therefore love one another. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN: “Spirit, Open My Heart” (see insert)

OPENING PRAYER: written by Tom Pfeffer and Joyce Rupp  
Guardian of my soul, guide me on my way today. Keep me safe from harm. Deepen my relationship with you, your Earth, and all your family. Strengthen your love within me that I may be a presence of your peace in our world. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “It Only Takes a Spark” 289

CONVERSATION TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: John 13: 33-35

SERMON: “All There Is To Say”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Seasons of Love” Collective Theatrics

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

LES MISÉRABLES MEDLEY: Collective Theatrics

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (see page 5 & 6)

THE LORD’S PRAYER 959

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:

One: As we honour the gifts of money placed in the plate today, and the gifts of time and talent given throughout the week, we pray:

All: We offer these gifts back to you, O God, as a sign of our love for you. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN: “We Are a Rainbow” (see insert)

*We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace.*

*For the flood of tears will fin’ly cease to be.*

*Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky.*

*Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.*

\*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	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 a Potluck Lunch **and conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. In the **Nursery** today is Katie Sharpe and next week will be Ashley Sheppard.

## Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Sept. 1	11:00	Labour Day Weekend
Sept. 8	11:00	Welcome Back to Sunday School Sunday
Sept. 10	7:00	Worship
Sept. 17	7:00	Council

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Rev. George Barrett** by Stuart Henderson.

**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!

**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."**

## 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
July 14	71	1,578	- 1,562
July 21	58	1,936	- 2,226
July 28	59	2,270	- 2,556
Aug. 4	44	2,646	- 2,510

## 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.

### A Celtic Prayer

**One:** Lord...open our eyes...

**All:** May we see those around us.  
Help us to notice those  
who are alone, hurting, and  
in need of prayer.

**One:** Lord...open our hands...

**All:** Make us generous people.  
Create in us a giving spirit,  
ready to meet needs as we are  
able. Help us not to wait only  
for opportunities to be heroic,  
but to respond to the needs that  
are put before us.

**One:** Lord...guard our lips...

**All:** May we speak the truth, but  
always in **love**. May we be quick  
to listen, slow to speak, and  
slow to become angry. May our  
speech be filled with praise for  
you, and encouragement for  
one another.

**One:** Lord...guard our hearts...

**All:** May we steer clear of anything  
which has the power to damage  
and destroy. Curb our selfish  
desires and protect our homes  
and relationships.

**One:** Lord...wet our eyes...

**All:** May we be a tender people.  
Help us to pause long enough to  
listen to each other and to carry  
each other's burdens.

**One:** We pray especially for...

**One:** Lord...use our feet...

**All:** to carry blessings to others.

**Together:** Amen.



**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.
- Oct. 3 – 5 Collective Theatrics present: The Full Monty at the Tom Morrison Theatre. Tickets are available at Joy of Framing or by contacting cast members. Tickets are \$20 until the end of August and \$25 from September until the production.
- Oct. 18-20 Disney's Frozen production by The Chameleon Jo Productions Young Company and Musical Adventure Club. Please see poster for more details. (Caileigh Sullivan is in this show!)

**DivorceCare** support group will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 for 13 weeks beginning September 10. For more information or to register, contact the church office at 458-8527 or [gracem@nb.aibn.com](mailto:gracem@nb.aibn.com).

**GriefShare** support group will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Thursday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 for 13 weeks beginning September 19. For more information or to register, contact the church office at 458-8527 or [gracem@nb.aibn.com](mailto:gracem@nb.aibn.com).

## We Are a Rainbow

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,  
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,  
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel anymore,  
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

### *Refrain*

*We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace  
For the flood of tears will fin'ly cease to be.  
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky.  
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.*

We're a coat of many colours, sewn from many different  
threads,  
Cov'ring all in warmth, in welcome and in grace.  
God said "let there be light", created every varied shade,  
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

### *Refrain*

We are the hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day,  
We are peace in a world that's torn apart.  
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face,  
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart.

### *Refrain*

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,  
For our God will be with us on the way.  
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened anymore,  
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

### *Refrain*

## 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)**