

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

September 15, 2019 11:00 a.m. Fourteenth after Pentecost

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

*“There is only one you in all time.”* Martha Graham

Lighting the CHRIST candle

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: With eyes to see, and ears to hear,

All: With hands to help and lips to sing:

Together: Let us worship God with a song:

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** God of my heart, September is only 15 days old, and already I am moving too fast with too little time for quiet. Slow me down, God of the desert prayer. Help me to practice the art of being still. My mind is always busy, worrying away, living either in the past or far away in the future. As always, thank you for keeping me in life. Thank you for this day. May I be both a blessing and be blessed wherever I walk today. 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

**Astonished and Amazed: Based on Acts 2:7** *Angela Snyder*  
**The Potter and the Clay: Jeremiah 18:1-11**

**SERMON: “Please...we’re only human...”**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**PRAY TOGETHER: “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”**  
**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow thro’ the wilderness**  
**calling and free, Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir**  
**me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,**  
**then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;**  
**and over the eons you called to each thing;**  
**wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.**

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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: “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.**

**May I weep with those who weep,**  
**as my law, my goal, my story.**  
**In each thought, word, and deed,**  
**may my living bring you glory.**

**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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: “I Have Called You...”** (see insert)

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

**Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 11:00 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.**

**Web-site: [www.gibsonmemorial.ca](http://www.gibsonmemorial.ca); email: [gibsonmemorial@nb.aibn.com](mailto:gibsonmemorial@nb.aibn.com)**

**CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Good morning and welcome to EVERYONE.** May this worship service be a blessing in your day. Everyone is invited to share in the **coffee/tea/juice/cookies and conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today will be Valerie & Minard Jewett and next week will be Alice Sewell & Joel Wallace. **Tellers** today are Robert Grant & Bill Field and next week will be Dale Horncastle & Wayne Alexander. **Taping** the service today is Lorne Henry and next week will be Brian Cail. In the **Nursery** today is Erin Price and next week will be Lindsey MacKay.

**Services & Meetings this week: Sept. 15 – 21, 2019:**

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard Group
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
	7:00	<b>Finance Committee</b>

**Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

Sept. 22	11:00	Guest Minister – Rev. Brian MacDonald
Sept. 29	11:00	Guest Minister – Rev. Brian MacDonald
Oct. 6	11:00	World Wide Communion Sunday
	12:15	Council
Oct. 10	6:30	Decorating the sanctuary for Thanksgiving
Oct. 13	11:00	Thanksgiving Service
Oct. 20	11:00	The Visioning Committee will be leading the Worship Service
Oct. 27	11:00	Peace Sunday with the Sunday School Children singing
Nov. 3	11:00	Collective Theatrics & Potluck Lunch

**Rev. Kelly** is away on vacation from Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> - Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Brian Macdonald will be in the pulpit on both Sunday September 22 and 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care please call the church office. Thank you.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Phil Barton** by Ellen & Doug Boone, Marilyn Seymour & Family and Peter & Dorothy Snowball.

**The Mission & Outreach** Food Cupboard is in need of **eggs** and cloth or reusable bags! Thanks for supporting the Food Cupboard.

**Advent Bible Study:** Rev. Kelly will be offering an Advent Bible Study on Tuesdays, starting Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> through to Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Rev. Kelly at [revkellygibson@nb.aibn.com](mailto:revkellygibson@nb.aibn.com), 457-1735, FB or talk with her after church, during conversation time.

**Life After Loss:** Please see the insert and if you have an interest in gathering to talk about grief and loss could you please see Rev. Kelly in the hall after the service today. Thanks!

**Name Tags:** The Worship Committee is looking for someone to make cork bulletin boards to attach Name Tags to for each Sunday. (There was a great response to having name tags last Sunday.) If you could make cork boards please contact Rev. Kelly, thanks!

**Pickles, Pickles, Pickles...** we will be making pickles Sept. 19 & 20. If you are available could you please let me know! Thanks.

### **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. – Mar.	86	2,399	- 2,719
Apr. - June	99	2,867	+ 527
July – Aug.	62	2,202	- 3,183
Sept. 1	58	2,291	- 3,492
Sept. 8	110	2,801	- 3,291

### **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 Fundraising Events**

Sept. 24	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 25	Retired Nurses Dinner – 12 noon
Oct. 15	Folks on Spokes Dinner – 12 noon
Oct. 22	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 23	Church Dinner – 4 – 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 12	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Nov. 13	Mission Thrift Store Dinner – 6 p.m.
Nov. 19	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Nov. 20	Journey Wesleyan Dinner - 6 p.m.
Nov. 26	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Nov. 27	Retired Nurses Dinner – 12 noon
Nov. 30	Market & Breakfast – 8 – 11 a.m.
Dec. 3	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Dec. 4	Elm City Quilters Dinner – 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	Pie Day – 9:30
Dec. 10	Fredericton Quilters Dinner – 6 p.m.
Dec. 11	Pie Day – 9:30
Dec. 12	Dolphin Swim Club Dinner – 12 noon
Dec. 13	Pie Day – 9:30
Dec. 13	Collective Theatrics Show & Dinner – 7 p.m.

**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.**



*“Behold, as the clay is in the potter’s hand,  
so are you in mine hand, O house of Israel.” Jeremiah 18:6*

One of the most metaphoric and beautiful *piyuttim* (poems) included in the Yom Kippur prayer service is ***Kee Hinei Kachomer***. In English, It is known as “Like the Clay in the Hand of the Potter,” which are the opening words of the first verse:

***Like the clay in the hand of the potter  
-he expands it at will and contracts it at will-  
so are we in Your hand, O Preserver of kindness...***

Every person is like that clay. With the inspiration of God’s mysterious and abiding touch in our lives we are able to grow into the best possible version of ourselves. Amen.

**Upcoming Community Events: (see bulletin board for more info.)**

- Sept. 18 Piano Recital “Intermezzo” presented by **Heather Fyffe** – a free noon-hour concert hosted by Music UNB at Memorial hall, 12 noon.
- Sept. 21 St. Paul’s United Community Dinner at 5 p.m. Roast Loin of Pork. \$12 Adult, \$5 Child (ages 6 – 12) and children under 6 eat for free. Tickets are available for the church office. (458-1183)
- Sept. 24 Fredericton Age Friendly Advisory Committee invites you to attend a gathering to discuss ‘Understanding Senior’s Isolation & Loneliness” 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at O’Dell Park Lodge. Lunch included.
- Sept. 19 – 21 Branch Out Productions present: **Nice Work If You Can Get It** at the Tom Morrison Theatre. Tickets, \$25, are available on line or at Westminster Book Store. (Tom O’Connell is a cast member)
- 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, \$25, are available at Joy of Framing or by contacting cast members.
- 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!)

**I Have Called You by Your Name**

I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can  
claim, offer Jesus’ body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation’s ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of  
doubt, hold the hem of Jesus’ robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children  
whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.

## **LIFE AFTER LOSS**

**No matter where we live or what language we speak,  
we share a common experience with  
everyone else on the planet—  
the loss of someone or something close to us.**

**All loss brings up feelings and memories.  
So, if you have lost a loved one and would like to gather with  
others to talk about grief and loss as well as steps to  
reclaiming your life, please speak with Rev. Kelly.**

**If there is enough interest we will gather  
Together over a cup of tea or coffee.  
Subjects to be explored: when someone dies; losses of a  
different kind, healthy grieving, moving forward,  
reclaiming your life etc.**

**You can reach Kelly through email  
[revkellygibson@nb.aibn.com](mailto:revkellygibson@nb.aibn.com); phone: 457-1735; FB or talk with  
her after church today!**

