

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

2

March 01, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Lent 1

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**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

\*denotes standing for those who are able

**WE APPROACH GOD**

*“Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery  
that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present.”*

*Edward Hays*

**LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY**

One: As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness  
and injustice in the world. Let us pray:

**All: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of  
Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes  
that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds  
to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in  
you. Amen.**

Together: “I Have Called You..” sing vs.1

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.

**(Silent Time)**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: I invite you to take a moment now and centre  
yourself deeply in the love of God.

**All: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring  
beneath the soil, we welcome an awakening of God’s  
love in our lives.**

One: Breathe in the life-giving Spirit of God,  
breathe out cares and anxieties;  
breathe in goodness and truth;  
breathe out fearfulness and worry.  
(pause)

**Together: Come, let us worship God.**

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

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**OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, you call us to a journey of  
faith. You call us to love and to go where that love leads us. Open  
our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and  
in the beauty of human life. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

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

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**CONVERSATION TIME**

**CHORUS: “Walk with Me” (2x)**

Walk with me, I will walk with you,

And build the land that God has planned

where love shines through.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**PSALM: “Lent is a time...”**

*Angela Snyder*

(see insert)

**GOSPEL STORY: Mark 8:27-30**

**SERMON: “When Someone Asks...”**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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**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.**

**\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER: (all)**

God of hope, help us to believe that we can make a difference.  
We are your people ready to share our blessings with our sisters  
and brothers, those we know and those whose names we will  
never know. Inspire us always to love kindness and to do justice.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**\*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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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 12 noon and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Rev. Kelly's office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9 – 12 noon.

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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 and conversation in the hall after the service. **Greeters** today are Marilyn & Pam Seymour and next week will be Soup Day and the Mission & Outreach Committee will be greeting. **Tellers** today are Brian & Joy Veno and next week will be Lyman Coy and Margaret Allen. **Taping** the service today is Brian Cail and next week will be Chris Banks. In the **Nursery** today is Marchell Coulombe and next week will be Melissa Banks.

**Services & Meetings this week: Mar. 1 - 7, 2020.**

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard Group
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together

**Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

Mar. 1	11:00	Lent 1
Mar. 8	11:00	Lent 2
	12:00	Soup Day, hosted by the Mission & Outreach Committee in support of outreach projects Menu: Home made soup, rolls, hotdogs & cookies. \$5/adult & \$2/child
	12:15	Worship Committee meeting
Mar. 15	11:00	Lent 3
Mar. 17	7:00	Council
Mar. 22	11:00	Lent 4
Mar. 29	11:00	Lent 5 - Annual Memorial Service
Apr. 5	11:00	Palm Sunday – Soup Day
Apr. 12	11:00	Easter Sunday – Communion

**Today's bulletin** has been donated in celebration of Ruth Hawkes' 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, donated by the Family. Happy Birthday Ruth!

**New Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 12 noon and 1 – 3:00 p.m.** I will be out of the office **some** Friday afternoons running errands, shopping for supplies for the dinners, etc. Please call the office on Fridays to see if I'm in before you visit!

**Announcements:**

- It is another new year at Gibson Church and we are looking ahead to **Confirmation classes** with any of you who would like to join the church, transfer your membership or be baptized. Please let Kelly know if you are interested in learning more about the United Church and your faith journey. All are welcome!
- If you are interested or know of someone who would like to have "**Communion at home**" please contact Kelly.
- Our **bible study group** is taking a break in January-February but we will be gathering again. Please watch for a sign-up during coffee time soon. Thanks.

**Offerings & Attendance Update: 2020**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan. 5	55	1,366	- 1,297
Jan. 12	Snow Storm	860	- 3,100
Jan. 19	Snow Storm	1,365	- 4,398
Jan. 26	Snow Storm	1,282	- 5,779
Feb. 2	103	5,186	- 3,256
Feb. 9	93	3,107	- 2,812
Feb. 16	95	2,246	- 3,229
Feb. 23	62	1,712	- 4,180

**Finance Notes:**

-We need approx. \$2,663\* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$990 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.

-\$2,663 is comprised of Local, Special Projects & Special Offerings

**“Keep the Heat On” update:**

- In 2019 we have raised **\$8,917** for the “**Keep the Heat On**” Fund and to date in 2020 we have raised **\$475.00**. Thanks everyone for supporting this project!

**Community Events: (see posters on bulletin board for more info)**

Mar. 6	World Day of Prayer Service, hosted by Salvation Army Church, 531 St. Mary’s Street. 7 p.m. Storm Date: Mar. 8, 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome!
Mar. 14	JIGGS DINNER at Nashwaaksis United Church, \$14/person, to reserve call 457-1338 by Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>
Mar. 14, 21, 28 & Apr. 4	Annual Village of Hope Maple Syrup Festival All you can eat homemade pancake breakfast! \$12 adult \$6 child under 10. 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. RSVP by calling 506-368-2600.

**Upcoming Fundraising Events**

Apr. 21	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Apr. 22	Progressive Credit Union Dinner – 6:00 p.m.
Apr. 28	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Apr. 29	Retired Nurses Dinner – 12 noon
May 12	Pie Day – 9:30
May 13	Chicken Breast Dinner – 4 – 6 p.m.
May 19	Fredericton Quilters Dinner – 6 p.m.
May 26	Catering to Folks on Spokes – 12 noon
May 29	Set up for Yard Sale & Breakfast
May 30	Yard Sale & Breakfast – 8 – 11:30 a.m.
June 3	Elm City Quilt Guild – 6:30 p.m. (Cold Plate)
June 8	Wilmot United Church Women Dinner – 6 p.m.
June 16	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
June 17	Steak & Chicken BBQ – 4 – 6 p.m.
June 23	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
June 24	Retired Nurses Dinner – 12 noon

**Notes:**

- We are gladly accepting your **Yard Sale** donations! Please call the office and let us know you are coming and we will store the items in the church basement.
- **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!

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

**Fast from hurting words and say kind words.**

**Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.**

**Fast from anger and be filled with patience.**

**Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.**

**Fast from worries and have trust in God.**

**Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.**

**Fast from pressures and be prayerful.**

**Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.**

**Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.**

**Fast from grudges and be reconciled.**

**Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.**





*Lent is a time to take time to let the power  
of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events get up  
and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of  
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and  
listen to his Word,  
a time to touch his robe  
and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....  
**Lent is a time to allow  
a fresh new taste of God!**  
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,  
for thoughts come unbidden.  
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future  
knowing our past.  
**Give us courage, O God,  
to hear your Word  
and to read our living into it.**  
**Give us the trust to know we're forgiven  
and give us the faith  
to take up our lives and walk.***

*Anne Weems*

## **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.