

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

September 3, 2023



Welcome To Everyone

In this time of worship, may our hearts be filled anew with
hope, peace, joy, and love

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FREDERICTON, N.B.

September 3, 2023

10:00am

Fourteenth After Pentecost Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE RAINBOW & CHRIST CANDLE

CHORUS FOR WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

There is Room for All

MV 62

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;

there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.

And I rejoice and sing; "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."

There is room for all, there is room for all!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L. Together let us gather our hearts and minds, from busy-ness and bothering, from worry and weariness, from distraction and despair.

P. Together we gather our hearts and minds for prayer and praising, for singing and movement, for wonderment and joy, for truly listening for God.

L. Let us worship God in the beauty of holiness.

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Ever living God, who offers grace to all who come to You, glad of this holy place and sacred time when we can come aside from that which would drag us down or keep us from being aware of Your presence. We are glad to draw near to this time of worship, this place of rest and reflection, or peace and healing, that we may sense Your being among us, and that we may be filled with joy and wonder. Amen

OPENING HYMN: God, Reveal Your Presence

VU 391

CONVERSATION TIME: September Begins!

HYMN: Teach Me God, To Wonder

VU 299

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3: 1-15 & Matthew 16: 21-28

SERMON: When We Stop Listening

HYMN: I Heard The Voice Of Jesus

VU 626

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING can be placed in the offering plates as you leave.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

When You call us to be open, to be Your disciples, we sometimes think You do all the asking - asking us for our time, asking for our gifts, asking for our commitment, and asking for our very lives. We forget, that in the beginning, we had nothing at all and that everything that we now have was given to us by You. You only ask from us what we are willing to freely return to You, the giver of every gift. Here we now dedicate our freely given gifts. This we pray in the name of the One You have given to us, Jesus the Christ. Amen

THE DOXOLOGY

VU 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: Take Up Your Cross, The Saviour Said

VU 561

PASTORAL BLESSING

CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now In Peace

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
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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CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION:

Good morning and welcome to **EVERYONE**. May this worship service be a blessing in your day as we worship together in-service or by Zoom. **Everyone is invited to share in a coffee, refreshments, and conversation in the hall following the service!**

Sincere sympathy is extended to *Jamie and Chris Stewart* on the passing of Jamie’s father, **Brian Foster** (May 28, 1950 – August 30, 2023).

Upcoming Services and Meetings:

Today	10:00am	Fourteenth After Pentecost Sunday / <i>Coffee & Fellowship Following Service</i>
September 7	10:00am	Worship Meeting in the Parlour
September 10	10:00am	Welcome Back Sunday / Potluck & <i>Celebration Cake Following Service</i>
September 10	10:00am	Sunday School Resumes
September 13	7:00pm	Council Meeting in the Parlour
October 1	10:00am	Communion Sunday
October 15	10:00am	Special Guest: NB Country Music Hall of Fame

Worship Committee News:

Friendly Reminder: New Service Time! Beginning September 10th until February 25th Gibson Sunday worship services will begin at **10:00am** and Sunday School classes for the new school year will resume. Social time with tea/coffee and treats will follow each service. Forest Hill United Church services will begin at 11:30am for this same time period. Shared Services with FHUC are planned for Sunday October 15th at Gibson and Sunday November 19th at Forest Hill.

Our friends at Forest Hill United have invited our GMUC congregation to a **'Welcome Back Corn Boil'** (corn, hotdogs and ice cream) on September 17th at 1pm. Please RSVP on sign-up sheet outside our office, or by calling the Forest Hill office at 455-0988.

Office News:

Our office hours are 8:30am to noon, and 1pm to 3pm. If you need Pastoral Care, please email, or call the office to arrange. Rev. Kelly Burke is providing Pastoral Care services for Gibson members when she is available to do so.