

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

May 18, 2025



"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." John 15:1-8

Sunday Worship Service

May 18, 2025 at 11:00AM

5th of Easter

* Standing or sitting freely according to each one's physical condition.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(together)*

L. God is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me.

L. You have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

P. Surely your goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life.

L. And we will dwell in the house of God forever.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST AND RAINBOW CANDLES

CHORUS FOR WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST:

We Are a Rainbow

We're a coat of many colors, sewn from many different threads,

Covering 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.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace

For the flood of tears will finally cease to be

Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky

Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free

***OPENING PRAYER** (*together*)

Ruler of nations, you have dominion over all the earth. We praise your name and bow down before you. You bring pride to the humble and cause the boastful to be brought low. The afflicted find hope through your mercy; the comfortable you challenge and shasten. As your wisdom led our mothers and fathers throughout the ages, make us receptive to the testimony of your love. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: Come In, Come In and Sit Down**

VU 395

SHARING TIME

HYMN: Many Are The Lightbeams

VU 588

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:1-8 and 1 John 4:7-12

MESSAGE

MUSICAL REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***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.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Your love, O God, is perfected in us through the gift of your chosen one, Jesus Christ. All that we have reflects a measure of his atoning sacrifice poured out on behalf of us all. Accept what we give to you as we respond to Christ's loving kindness. May we shine your light to others, that they may see your love in us. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: Through The Heart of Every City**

VU 584

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BLESSING:

May the peace of God be your peace.

May the love of God be the love you show.

May the joy of God be the joy you know,

and may the world that God would see be found in you.

***POSTLUDE**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Information:

A warm welcome is extended to everyone who worships with us today. **Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the worship service.**

Our sign-up sheet for **greeters** is available outside the office. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Office:

Church Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:30-3:30pm. The office will be closed Monday, May 19th for the statutory holiday.

Upcoming Services:

TODAY	11:00am	Shared Service at GMUC – Rev. Lisa Greenwood
May 25	11:00am	Annual Memorial Candle Lighting Service – Rev. Mike Bravener
June 8	10:30am	100 th Anniversary of UCC – No service at GMUC

Worship:

Our **Annual Memorial Candle Lighting Service** will be held during the Sunday, May 25th service. This is a solemn service giving us pause to remember, and to light a candle in memory of our loved ones. If you would like to light a candle, **please contact the office by May 19th to include your loved one in the bulletin.**

Mark Your Calendars! On **Sunday, June 8 at 10:30 AM**, something extraordinary is happening at the Fredericton High School, Tom Morrison Theatre. Ten churches from Fredericton and the surrounding area are coming together to **celebrate 100 years of the United Church of Canada!**

Join us for a joyful and spirit-filled morning as we give thanks for a century of faith, community, and hope. This milestone event is

hosted by 10 local United Churches and supported in part by the United Church Foundation.

Everyone is welcome! Bring your voice, your spirit, and your love for community. Let's celebrate a century of faith, hope, and love, together.

A **Mass Choir** is being formed to sing the Anthem "Bless These Walls" at the "Northern Lights" themed Joint Service of 10 United Churches to be held at Fredericton High School, Tom Morrison Theatre on Sunday, June 8th at 10 AM (there is no alternative worship service at Gibson on this date). This is the same hymn that our church choir performed at last year's service for the 150th Anniversary of Gibson.

Organizers are inviting YOU to participate in this mass choir on this momentous occasion to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

For ease of organizing, please sign-up online (link below) or you can contact the office, Heather Fyffe (hfyffe.music@gmail.com), or Valerie Dutcher (bartonv68@gmail.com) ASAP and no later than Friday May 16th to confirm your participation. Please share if there is anyone you may feel may be interested and may not see this message.

Heather Fyffe is graciously organizing this choir, so let's show our support with a great turnout from Gibson! Thank you! We hope you will join in the fun! Just follow the link and click the sign-up button! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AC22A6F8C61-56862067-ucc100th>

Summer Shared Services - GMUC will host services for 5 weeks in July (June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27) and FHUC will host services for 5 weeks in August (Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31). **The summer service start time will be 10:00 AM.** Beginning on Sunday September 7th we will return to our usual separate service schedule.

Sunday School:

The last week of Sunday School classes at Gibson will be June 22nd. Activity packages will be available for children who attend with their parents throughout July.

Pastoral Care:

If you have a prayer request for a loved one facing a challenging time, please do not hesitate to contact the office and your request will be passed along to the minister and the pastoral care committee. Prayer requests are shared by request only otherwise, your privacy will be respected.

Fundraising:

Our fundraising dinner are in full swing! If you haven't done so already, please be sure to donate **\$20 per family towards the purchasing of supplies** for the upcoming dinners. Thank you for your contributions to the fundraising efforts!

Our **Annual Gibson Yard Sale** has been **rescheduled** for September! Please continue to drop off your donations of gently used items for the yard sale during office hours. If you require assistance removing heavy things from your vehicle, please call the office to arrange help in advance if needed.

Upcoming Catered Fundraising Events:

May 20, Tuesday - 6 pm, Fredericton Quilters Dinner

June 16, Monday – noon, Wilmot UCW Luncheon

June 25, Wednesday - noon, Retired Nurses Luncheon

If you would like to help volunteer for any of these events, please sign-up online or contact the office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AC22A6F8C61-56212732-fundraising>

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