

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

August 13, 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.

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10:00am

Eleventh 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. Lord, hear my prayer and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; answer me in your righteousness.

P. Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God. Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

You do hear the prayers of your people, O God. You give heed to their supplications. Your faithfulness spans generations and nations as a cloak of protection sewn with benevolent care. You promise your presence as your Spirit abides in our midst. We bow down before you, as our mothers and fathers have done before us, in praise and adoration of your gracious name. Amen

OPENING HYMN: Great is Thy Faithfulness

VU 288

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, you teach us compassion and we practice bigotry. You implore us to trust you, while we create idols. You sent Christ as

witness that you will not forsake us; yet we fret over matters as though you cared not at all. Forgive our compulsion to control our own destiny. Look kindly upon us when we fear for our future. Have mercy upon us when we mismanage your grace. We are your people; help us to dwell in your promises. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

"Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God; who indeed intercedes for us?" Who then shall separate us from the love of Christ? Nothing. Trust in that promise.

CONVERSATION TIME

HYMN: Break Now The Bread Of Life

VU 501

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:13-21 and Romans 8:31-39

SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

O God, your compassion brings wholeness, and your forgiveness brings promise of new life. We place ourselves before you as recipients of your mercy; We make our offerings to you in response to Christ's call. Accept them as a tribute to your glory as we dedicate ourselves anew to Christ's service. Amen

THE DOXOLOGY

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.

VU 541

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: God Of The Bible

MV 28

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our center, day light or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Refrain: Fresh as the morning....

Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Refrain: Fresh as the morning....

Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,

small paper lanterns, lighting the way.
Refrain: Fresh as the morning....

Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror, and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other.
till our world changes, facing the Cross.

Refrain: Fresh as the morning....

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

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

SUPPLY MINISTER: REV. LISA GREENWOOD
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A donation has been made to the **Benevolent Fund in Memory of** sons-in-law, *Phillip Barton* (Valerie Barton) and *Kelvin Wood* (Esther Wood) by Hazel and Rodney Stairs.

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!***

Upcoming Services and Meetings:

Today	10:00am	Eleventh After Pentecost Sunday / Coffee & Fellowship Following Service
Aug 6 – Sept 3	10:00am	Joint Worship Services Held at Gibson Memorial United Church
September 10	10:00am	Regular Sunday Worship Service

Worship Committee News:

Summer Worship Services: Gibson Memorial United Church has been sharing summer services with Forest Hill United Church. Special thanks to Forest Hill United Church for having hosted services and fellowship in July.

Sunday August 6th to Sunday September 3rd 2023 (5 weeks) - Sunday Worship Services will be held at **Gibson Memorial United Church at 10am**. We welcome everyone to attend in person OR via Zoom. Zoom services will recommence on August 6th. Heather Fyffe and Alex Good will provide special music. Social time and tea/coffee/treats will follow the service. Sunday School will be available.

New Service Time! Beginning September 10th until February 25th Gibson Sunday worship services will begin at **10:00am** and 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.

Office News:

Our office hours are 8:30am to noon, and 1pm to 3pm. Please call the office before dropping into the church, as summer hours will vary. If you need Pastoral Care, please email, or call the office to arrange. Rev. Kelly Burke will now be providing Pastoral Care services when she is available to do so.

A Message From Wanda Harding:

Wanda Harding and Family would like to thank our Gibson Church family for thoughts, prayers, and donations during Stewart's recent passing. Also, thanks to the women of Gibson Church for the wonderful reception. May God Bless.

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