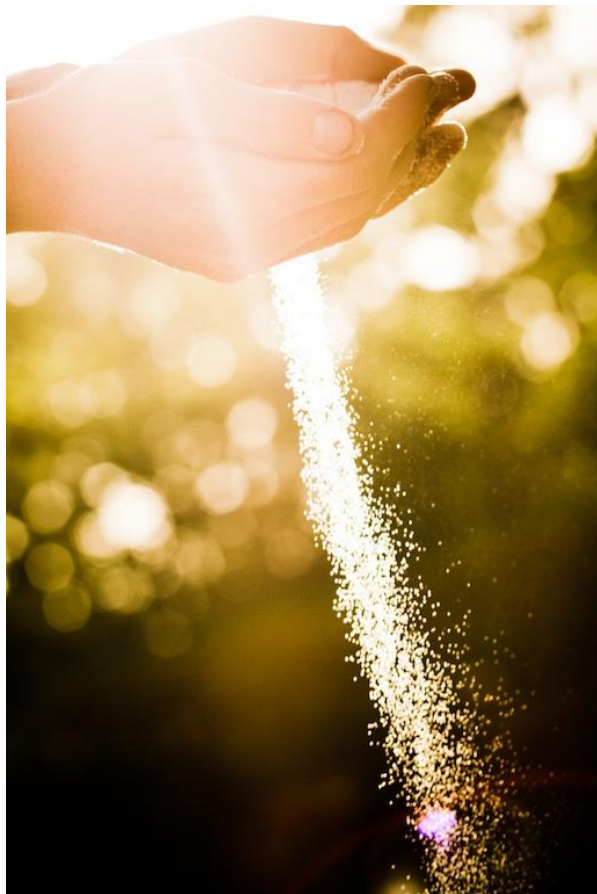


# GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

August 6, 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.

August 6, 2023

10:00am

Tenth After Pentecost Sunday

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### 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. If the human body is to live,

**P. it needs salt.**

L. If the body of Christ is to live,

**P. it needs us.**

L. If the earthly creation is to flourish,

**P. it needs the sun's light.**

L. If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish,

**P. it needs the Spirit's light!**

L. Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

**P. Our faith, our love, our hope is as essential as salt and light.**

OPENING HYMN: O Splendour of God's Glory Bright

VU 413

OPENING PRAYER & CALL TO CONFESSION: (in unison)

God, you placed me in the world to be its salt. I have been afraid of committing myself, afraid of being stained by the world. I did not want to hear what "they" might have to say. And my salt dissolved as if in water. Forgive me, Jesus. God, you placed me in the world to

be its light. I was afraid of the shadows, afraid of poverty. I did not want to know other people's struggles. And my light slowly faded away. Forgive me, Jesus.

God, you placed me in the world to live in the community. You taught me to love, to share in life, and yet I chose to turn a blind eye. Forgive me, Jesus. For all my wrongdoings Forgive me, Jesus. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART:** Let your light shine

**HYMN: Jesus Bids Us Shine**

**VU 585**

#### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER BEFORE SCRIPTURE

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept you Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON:** Psalm 112: 1-9

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 5: 13-20

**REFLECTION:** We Are God's Light

#### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

#### 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.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, your love makes us salt for the earth and light for the world. Bless our gifts so that they bring light into dark days and salt to flavour the earth with your love, compassion, and mercy.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN:** Be a Cheering Light

As thro' life you journey, Be a cheering light, Like the sun at morning,

Beautiful and bright; Shine in gloomy places, As you pass them by,  
Cheer the lives that sorrow, Gladden those who sigh.

Be a cheering light, Glowing, gleaming, beautiful and bright; Like a beacon burning in the night, Glowing, gleaming, beautiful and bright.

Like a beacon burning On a hill at night, You may shed around you  
Happiness and light; Try to help the weary, Thro' the dreary days  
Try to guide the wayward, From forbidden ways. Daily, hourly,  
Be a cheering light, Glowing, gleaming, beautiful and bright; Like a beacon burning in the night, Glowing, gleaming, beautiful and bright.

Steadily and brightly, Shining day by day, You will scatter blessings  
All along the way; Less of care and sorrow, Many hearts will know,  
If you gleam and glisten Everywhere you go.

Be a cheering light, Glowing, gleaming, beautiful and bright; Like a beacon burning in the night, Glowing, gleaming, beautiful and bright.

## 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

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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!*

### Upcoming Services and Meetings:

Today	10:00am	Tenth 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 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> until February 25<sup>th</sup>** 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 15<sup>th</sup> at Gibson and Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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