

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

July 20, 2025



Welcome to Everyone

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

Sunday Worship Service

July 20, 2025, at **10:00AM**

5th After Pentecost

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. I have heard from You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST AND RAINBOW CANDLES

CHORUS FOR WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST:

We Are a Rainbow

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel anymore,
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

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)

O Lord, You are my shepherd, I shall not want. You make me to lie down in green pastures; You lead me beside still waters. You restore my soul; and lead me in the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.

***OPENING HYMN: The King Of Love**

VU 273

SHARING TIME

HYMN: Like A Rock

MV 92

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.

Like the starry night sky God is over our head.

Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.

Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1:1-3, John 1:1-5

MESSAGE: Where did God come from?

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**

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 centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Chorus: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
 God always faithful, you do not change.
 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 empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

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.

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.

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.

***COMMISIONING 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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Information:

A warm welcome is extended to everyone who worships with us today. **Please join us for refreshments 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 may vary over the summer. Please refer to email announcements or call the office before visiting if you are unsure. Office hours are generally Monday - Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm.

Upcoming Services:

TODAY	10:00am	Rev. Mike Bravener / Regular Shared Service at GMUC
TODAY	11:45am	Baptisms at Killarney Lake / Potluck Picnic to Follow at this Location
July 27	10:00am	Rev. Mike Bravener / Shared Service at GMUC

Worship:

Baptisms will be held at Killarney Lake today following the service at 11:45am with a potluck picnic to follow at this location. All are welcome to attend.

At various times on the journey of our life in Christ, we have opportunity to reaffirm and renew the faith proclaimed in baptism.

Today we celebrate Valerie and Lloyd Dutcher, Amanda Paul – Wheaton, Hannah Dawn Marie Paul, and Chloe Isabella Jenny Paul and their place in the people of God and give thanks for their varied gifts as witnessed in this community of faith.

Summer Shared Services – Next Sunday, July 27th will be the last shared summer at Gibson. The remaining 5 weeks - August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – services will be held at Forest Hill United Church. **The summer service start time is 10:00 AM.** Beginning on Sunday September 7th we will return to our usual separate service schedule.

Sunday School:

There are no Sunday School classes at Gibson until Welcome Back Sunday in September. Activity packages are available in the Narthex for children who attend with their parents throughout the July services at Gibson.

Pastoral Care:

If you know someone that may benefit from a visit from Rev. Bob Stevens or a member of the Pastoral Care Committee, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the committee, or the office.

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.

Upcoming Community Events:

On July 25, Caileigh Sullivan will be performing a noon-hour recital at the Christ Church Cathedral.

For info: <https://cccath.ca/2025/06/06/2025-summer-music-series>

Noon-hour concert at the Christ Church Parish Church, on July 30th, Heather Fyffe will be performing with soprano Olivia Spahn-Vieira.

The **Backyard Brass** will be performing as part of the New Brunswick Summer Music Festival, at Picaroons, Sunday August 10 at 6pm. Heather Fyffe, Morgan Mollins, and Rev. Lisa Greenwood will be performing.

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