

Gibson Memorial United Church



Sunday Worship

A Place of Peace, Comfort & Community

All Are Welcome

Sunday Worship Service

August 30, 2026, at 10:00AM

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

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST AND RAINBOW CANDLES

CHORUS FOR WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST: TLUS 30
We Are a Rainbow

We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day,
We are peace in a world that's torn apart,
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face,
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart.

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 colours proud and bold and free

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God has a constantly flowing river whose sparkling streams bring joy and delight to His people. (*Psalms 46:4*)

*OPENING HYMN: Shall We Gather at the River VU 710

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*):

But in the depths of my heart, I truly know that You Yahweh, have become my shield; You take me and surround me with yourself. Your glory covers me continually. You lift my head. I have cried out

to you, Yahweh, from Your holy presence. You send me parental help. (Psalm 3:3-4)

As God has greeted us, so let us greet each other.
At this time, feel free to welcome and greet your neighbor.

***CHILDREN'S HYMN: Give to Me the Winds Your Fears**
(tune: VU 382)

VU 636

SERMON 4 KIDS

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

TLUS 4

**Glory to the Creator,
and the Christ and the Spirit so near,
as it was from the start so it shall be forever
one God, always here, one God, always here,
one God, always here.**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

The Word of God Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:13-17

***HYMN: For the Healing of the Nations** *(tune: VU 312)*

VU 678

MESSAGE: Navigating these tough political times

MUSICAL REFLECTION

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we have been praying through the Lord's prayer, we have taken time to centre on the idea that the greatest I am I is bigger than we are. We have prayed that Your Kingdom would come and today we focus on "your will be done". What is the will of God in your situation? Take some time to focus on what we know about God's love, about the kingdom of heaven and pray along those themes.

***CLOSING HYMN: O God of Every Nation (tune: VU 331) VU 677**

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING:**

TLUS 104

May the peace of Christ be with you.

May the love of God dwell deep in your heart.

May the Spirit enlighten your way.

May you walk in the comfort of God's care.

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Congregational Information:

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

About our Hymn Selections: Only the Voices United hymn numbers will be identified behind the pulpits. The text from **Then Let Us Sing! (TLUS)** and for **More Voices (MV)** will only be displayed on the screen and printed in the bulletin.

For those of you who would like to use a hymnal with the printed vocal music, a limited number of music edition copies are available from the ushers at the door each Sunday. Kindly return the copies after the service.

Upcoming Services At a Glance:

TODAY	10:00am	Last Shared Summer Service
Sept 6	11:00am	Return to Regular Services
Sept 13	11:00am	Welcome Back Sunday & Sunday School
Sept 24	06:00pm	Finance & Investments Meeting
Sept 24	07:00pm	Council Meeting
Sept 30		Cooperative Council Meeting

Church Office:

Regular summer office hours are Monday to Friday 8:00 – 2:30pm. Please call the office if you plan to drop in as some days the in-office hours may vary.

There will be a **Council meeting** on **Thursday, September 24th** at 7pm in the parlour. The **Finance Committee** will be meeting as well at 6pm with our RBC Investments representative, and all council members are invited to attend.

Worship Committee:

Important Reminder: Today marks the last of our Summer Shared Services. Next Sunday, September 6th, we will return to our regular services at Gibson beginning at **11:00am**.

Sunday School will resume on Welcome Back Sunday, September 13th. Activity packages will be available in the narthex until then.

Important Note: Heading into fall, the Worship Committee has prepared a **Greeter's Schedule** for upcoming worship services. A printed version is available on the table outside the office. **Please review the schedule** and make changes or additions, if you are scheduled for a date that you will not be here, or simply don't want to greet. If you are not on the volunteer team and not signed up to greet, please fill in your name in an available spot if you wish to do so. The schedule is filled in until the end of the year; however, you are welcome to sign up yourself and a partner for a date that works well for you in the new year or trade for another date, if you wish to do so. Otherwise, the winter and spring greeter schedule will be filled in at a later date.

Nominating Committee:

The Property Committee plays a key role at Gibson, overseeing the care and operation of the building and grounds. The Nominating Committee is seeking at least two people to join the committee, including a Property Committee Chair. For more information, please contact the office or speak with Robin Hopper, Chair of Property.

Upcoming Event:

Gibson's **Annual Community Yard Sale** will take place **Saturday, September 12th**! This year we ask that you drop off all gently used donations on the **week of September 8-10th during office hours**, or on Sunday, September 6th before/after the church service. We will be accepting donations directly in the hall to avoid having to carry items from the basement storage and this will give volunteers an opportunity to price and organize items throughout the week.

Upcoming Community Events:

The Great Cycle Challenge Canada is happening throughout August, raising money to fight children's cancer. This year, team Performance Anxiety includes Rev. Mike, Heather, Morgan, and Zack (as well as a few more of our friends). Donations can be made to any of us as individuals or to the team. Go to: greatcyclechallenge.ca/teams/PerformanceAnxiety

The **Fredericton Concert and Marching Band** will have a summer concert at Officers Square on Tuesday, September 1st at 7pm.

Keswick Ridge United Church is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the congregation's founding with three special events in September 2026.

Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. - Rev Alice Finnamore along with The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath, Moderator of The United Church of Canada, will lead the worship service. Special recognition will be given to members of the congregation who are 90 years of age and older. A new book on the church's history will be available for sale following the service.

Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. - An anniversary musical evening will feature the church choir and a number of special guests.

Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. - The congregation will mark the formal 200th Anniversary of Keswick Ridge United Church. For more information on anniversary events or the history of Keswick Ridge United Church, please contact: Lorraine Allen, email: kent.lorraine1993@gmail.com, telephone: (506) 476-3213.



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