

Gibson Memorial United Church



Sunday Worship

A Place of Peace, Comfort & Community

All Are Welcome

Sunday Worship Service

August 23, 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'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 colours proud and bold and free**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Yahweh is my best friend and shepherd.

P: I always have more than enough.

L: He offers me a resting place in His luxurious love.

P: His tracks take me to an oasis of peace near the quiet brook of bliss.

ALL: That's where He restores and revives my life. (Psalm 23:1-3a)

***OPENING HYMN: Guide, O, Thy Great Jehovah**

VU 651

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison):*

Anoint me with the fragrance of Your Holy Spirit that I may drink more of You until my cup overflows.

*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: One More Step**

VU 649

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:**

Lord, we come before you with humble hearts, offering what we can. May these gifts be pleasing in your sight and used to further your kingdom. Amen.

The Word of God Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:1-13

***HYMN: Blessed Be**

VU 602

MESSAGE: We have a helper in our prayers

MUSICAL REFLECTION

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

We have a helper when it comes to prayer. Last week we sat with the opening phrase of the Lord's Prayer "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name..." Today in our prayer time, take a moment to focus on the name of the Father "I am" bring whatever is on your heart and ask the uncreated creator to bring His Kingdom into your situation.

***CLOSING HYMN: I, The Lord**

VU 509

***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	Shared Service / Rev. Mike Bravener
Aug 30	10:00am	Shared Service / Rev. Mike Bravener
Sept 6	11:00am	Return to Regular Services
Sept 13	11:00am	Welcome Back Sunday

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.

Worship Committee:

Gibson will host the last shared summer service next Sunday, August 30th before returning to regular services. The summer service start time is 10:00 AM.

There will be **no Sunday School** during the month of August, however, activity packages are provided for any children attending

during this time. These can be picked up in the narthex. Thank you for organizing these great packages, Valerie!!

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 7-10th 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. This is your chance to downsize and give your home a good 'clutter clearing' before the winter months!

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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