

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

August 27, 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 27, 2023

10:00am

Thirteenth 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. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching, incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

P. We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders which God has wrought.

L. Let us Worship God.

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

We broadcast your glorious deeds, O God, and spread abroad the good news of the gospel. You have not forsaken your people, but promise your presence through the gift of your Spirit. In Christ you redeem us from a past that enslaves us, and free us for a future of life lived in your love. Hear us now as we sing your praises, and fill us as we learn of your way. Amen

OPENING HYMN: Blest Be The Tie That Binds

VU 602

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, Christ calls us to faith, while we seek our own security. He teaches us to trust him, yet we don't take that risk. He expects total commitment, and we think in terms of percentages. Time after time we turn our backs on your grace, serving our idols and forgetting our Christ. We rely on your promise in him to redeem us. We are dependent on him who can intercede for us. Have mercy upon us and keep us focused on your love. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

As God gave manna to the Israelites during their time in the wilderness, we now receive Christ as the bread of life. God is consistent in his love for us. Trust is this promise.

CONVERSATION TIME

HYMN: It Only Takes A Spark **VU 289**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 15:21-28 and Romans 11:13-16

SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

God, we have received your blessings in abundance. Make us mindful of those who are needy. Use our gifts to ease the pain of those who are suffering. As we serve others, use us to fulfill your will. Amen

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: How Great Thou Art

VU 238

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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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	Thirteenth 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. Heather Fyffe and Alex Good will provide special music. Social time and tea/coffee/treats will follow the service.

New Service Time! Beginning September 10th until February 25th Gibson Sunday worship services will begin at **10:00am** and Sunday School classes for the new school year will resume. 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.

Upcoming Community Events:

The family of *Bill and Margaret Field* would like to invite you to help celebrate **Margaret's 90th birthday**. The event will be from 2-4pm on Saturday, September 2nd in the Church Hall. Best wishes only!

FLEA MARKET VENDORS WANTED: Forest Hill United Church, in collaboration with St. Matthew Lutheran Church, will be hosting a Flea Market on Saturday, September 23rd from 9 am to noon at 45 Kimble COURT, Fredericton. Vendor set up will be on Friday, September 22nd from 6 to 8 pm. 2 1/2' x 4' tables are available for \$10 each. If you are interested in signing up as a vendor, contact Forest Hill United Church at foresth.office@bellaliant.com or 506-455-0988.

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