

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

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FREDERICTON, N.B.

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10:00am

Twelfth 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. What difference does it make that we come here every week?

P. It is good for us to take time and reconnect with one another and with God.

L. Shouldn't we do this every day?

P. We seek God's wisdom in our lives every day but we do not always take time out of our busy lives to reflect on the world around us, to consider the greater meaning.

L. God is in this place.

P. We come to refresh and recharge ourselves in God's presence.

L. People of God, prepare your hearts for worship.

P. We bring our hearts, and all the love and pain that is in them. Come people of God, let us join our heart and minds in worship.

OPENING HYMN: Let Us Build A House

MV 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built



Welcome To Everyone

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

of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

***All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

OPENING PRAYER & CALL TO CONFESSION: (in unison)
Holy God, it is hard for us at times to trust in your promises. We confess that our faith waivers in the face of challenge and we forget that you will not forsake us. So often in the midst of turmoil your send moments of grace that lift us up and give us strength to go on. We forgot those moments when a wave of trouble rolls over us and we find ourselves floundering once again. Help us to trust and hold tight to your promises of steadfast love and forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONVERSATION TIME: When I Whine

HYMN: Come and Find The Quiet Centre

VU 374

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER BEFORE SCRIPTURE: (unison)

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Selected verses of encouragement and hope during times of trouble

GOSPEL READING: Mark 4: 35-41

REFLECTION: What We Can Learn From Storms

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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)

These gifts represent the work of our hands, the abilities that you have given us and our efforts to use them well. We share these gifts to support one another in our efforts to hear your will and do it. In

this time of sharing may we learn to live with less in order to share more. We pray that these gifts are acceptable and pleasing to you, O God our God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: How Firm A Foundation **VU 660**

PASTORAL BLESSING

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!*

Sincere sympathy is extended to *Roxanne Stewart and Hallie Cameron* on the passing of their brother and companion, **Murray Calhoun** on August 10th.

Upcoming Services and Meetings:

Today 10:00am Twelfth 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. 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 10th until February 25th 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 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:

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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