

United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada



GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

July 21, 2024

9th after Pentecost



Summer Joint Sunday Worship Service

July 21, 2024. 10:00 am.

at GMUC (July) / at FHUC (August)

Ninth after Pentecost

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

We Gather To Worship

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle and Rainbow Candle:

The peace of Christ connects torn relationships back into love. Christ's care brings broken hearts back to rest. Through Christ's shepherding, the downhearted find hope and courage. The light of Christ has called us here to gather in this sanctuary.

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 any more

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.

Welcome and Announcements:

***Call to Worship:**

When we are weary in your bones . . .

here, we will find rest.

When we are divided from family and friends . . .

here, we will find peace.

When we are discouraged and downhearted . . .

here, we will find hope and courage.

When we are looking for a shepherd to guide you . . .

here, we will find salvation and peace.

B.J. Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

***Opening Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Centre**

VU 374

***Opening Prayer:** *(together)*

O God,

we gather in this quiet place away from the busyness and noise of our daily living.

We seek your presence now in this quiet time. Be gentle with us.

Enable us to listen to the small sounds that fill our world with hope. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

The Whole People of God 2018

Prayer of Confession:

God, we regret many things in our lives over the past week.

Our impatience and foolishness have cast a dark shadow not only on ourselves but also on many parts of our lives and relationships.

We have not lived honestly with God. We have accepted barriers that we could easily have broken down. We have come up against walls in our lives and let our anger fester. We have made it difficult for others to know us and join the community you have called us to be. Whether we knew it or not, we looked down on others and considered ourselves insignificant.

Now, we ask God for forgiveness and reconciliation in silence.

Break down every dividing wall and reconcile us.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Jesus advised his friends to go to a quiet place and rest for a while to renew their spirits. Now, in this quiet time, know that God offers us rest, restoration, forgiveness, and healing.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Whole People of God 2018

Sharing Time

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Message

Musical Reflection

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering:

When David wanted to build God's temple, God valued his heart, not the building. Christ has formed a community that is one body with Him, not a visible temple. From different places and walks of life, God brings us together into a holy community. Even among strangers, Christ builds us to be God's holy temple. This morning we offer our gratitude to God for the kingdom of God on earth.

***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: *(Together)

God of all times and every place.

As we strive to be your living church in the world, we are blessed by the forethought of generations past.

They have built structures, dreamed of ministry, and given deeply. Bless us and our gifts, and use us to be your vibrant, living church in an ever-changing world.

We pray to be part of the generations-long faithful project to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

2024 Offering Invitations and Prayers, the UCC

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

WE GO OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

***Closing Hymn: You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd VU 210**

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

God calls us away to bless us with rest.

In God, we find peace.

Our shepherd watches over us day and night.

In Christ, we dwell securely.

The Spirit anoints us with holy love.

In the Spirit, we find healing.

As God's beloved family,

**we will boldly move forward into the world
to build God's invisible temple.**

The grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of us, now and forever.

Amen.

***Postlude**

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Announcements

■ Minister's Office:

1. Pastoral Care and Pastoral Visit

Rev. Ji's vacation is from July 22nd to August 11th.

Don't hesitate to contact the office if emergency pastoral care is needed during the minister's vacation.

2. Sermon Script

If you need Rev. Ji's sermons from last Sunday, contact the church office.

■ Worship:

1. Welcome everyone who worships with us today.

- If you would like to become a new member, please leave a 'Welcome card' on the offering plate.
- Leave your offering on the plate at the entrance before the service. If you miss it, please bring it to the office after service.

2. Please note: Sunday School classes are not available at GMUC in July. Coloring/activity pages are available in the Narthex to keep children busy during these church services.

3. Shared Summer Worship Schedule (Shared services with GMUC and FHUC congregations)

- July 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:00 AM at Gibson Memorial United Church
- August 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:00 AM at Forest Hill United Church

4. Scripture Readers - We are compiling a list of volunteers to do the Scripture readings on Sunday morning. Please contact Valerie Barton or sign up outside the Church office if you are interested in participating. FHUC members welcome!

■ This Week:

1. Church Office hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30-3:30 p.m.

■ **Upcoming:**

TODAY	10:00am	Nineth After Pentecost at GMUC
July 23	1:30pm	Women Together
July 28	10:00am	Tenth After Pentecost at GMUC

■ **Upcoming Events:**

Christ Church Parish Church (245 Westmorland Street) is hosting its final two concerts in their summer concert series! All are welcome! Free will donations gratefully accepted.

- **July 24, 2024: Steven Peacock and Gerry Van Wart**, classical guitars. Varieties for Two Guitars: works by Ford, Handel, Tisserand, Pujol and the performers.
- **July 31, 2024: Four Leaf Clover**: John Lawrence, Gerry McAllister, Carolyn Holyoke, Dale Whitty and Mary Conlon share Irish traditional instrumentals and song.

Gibson Memorial United Church



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Forest Hill United Church



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