

St. Andrew's United Church  
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Minister: Rev. Charlene Maguire MacKnight  
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May 13, 2018  
7th Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day/Christian Family Sunday

**We Gather To Worship**

\*indicates to stand as you are able  
(stand as choir enters)

Musical Prelude

\*Gathering Words

\*Introit: #412, This Is the Day, vs.1

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Nathan Robichaud*

L: We gather in this community of care and worship,

**All: giving thanks for this day which God has given us.**

L: We come together in the light of Jesus the Christ.

**All: Jesus, who fills our hearts with his love, our minds with his peace, our lives with his joy.**

*(candle is lit)*

\*Sing: **Light up the candle every day,  
Jesus be with us, here as we pray.**

Call to Worship: *Frances Blakely*

One: Who are you, who have gathered here?

**All: We are many people, from many families!**

One: Why do you come, you who have gathered here?

**All: In this place and with these people we are another kind of family – a church family.**

One: A church family?

**All: People united in our love for God, people called to follow the risen Christ, people who choose to be family here.**

One: And how do you live in this family?

**All: We welcome and are welcomed as members of the household of God. We live out our faith. We teach it from generation to generation. We share God's story and our own stories. We are the church. We are a family!**

One: We come as many families and as one family.

**All: We come to worship God.**

Prayer: *led by Reese Godfrey*

One: Loving God, we give you thanks this day for our mothers, and for all who mother us:

**All: for all who care for us, and teach us;  
who hug us, and hold us;**

One: who kiss our hurts and tell us that things will be all right.

**All: We give you thanks for memories created through a mother's love, and for the blessings of home and family.**

One: For this family of faith and for all the caring and sharing that happens here,

**All: we also give you thanks.**

One: And so we gather with joyful hearts, praying together the words of our Christian family prayer:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven ... Amen.**

\*Hymn: # 395, **Come In, Come In and Sit Down** (vs.1,2)

Announcements of the Life & Work of the Church

Prayer for the Church Family: *Evan & Isabel Gallan*

One: Thank you, God, for our church family.

**All: Thank you for teachers and leaders, for workers and worshippers, and for all who give of their time to share your love with us.**

One: We ask your blessing on all they do for us and for our church.

Two: Thank you, God, for our church family.

**All: Thank you for those who seek to live out your love in the world, who volunteer to help make our community a better place, who support justice and act with compassion and caring.**

Two: We ask your blessing on all who give in so many ways.

One: Thank you, God, for our church family.

**All: Thank you for those who help us to grow in faith, who share their own faith stories and show by their actions of love what it means to follow Jesus. We thank you for their example which nurtures and leads us on right paths.**

One: We ask your blessing on all who direct and challenge us to live faithfully.

Two: Thank you, God, for our church family.

**All: Thank you not only for the people with whom we share here at St. Andrew's, but for all those in Miramichi and around the world who have answered the call to be the Church, the family of Christ.**

Two: Bless the many families of which we are a part, God – at home, here at St. Andrew's, and around the world.

**All: Amen.**

Hymn: #316, Praise our Maker (*congregation seated*)

Conversation with the Children

### **The Word of God Proclaimed**

Prayer for Illumination:

**As we encounter the scriptures this day, Holy One, breathe understanding into us. May our hearts beat with the rhythm of your love as we hear your word anew. Amen.**

\*Responsive Reading: Psalm 1, page 724 VU

Gospel Lesson: John 17:6-19

Ministry of Music

Reflection on the Word

### **We Respond to God's Word**

\*Hymn: #556, Would You Bless Our Homes and Families (vs. 1&3)

Offering

\*Choral Response:

**What can I do? What can I bring?**

**What can I say? What can I sing?**

**I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.**

**I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

\*Offertory Prayer:

**Loving God, you have given us life and in response we offer to you our hearts and minds, time and talents, and these gifts of money for the sharing of your love here and throughout the world. Bless us and the gifts we bring for ministry and mission in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Hymn: #661, Come to My Heart

\*Commissioning & Benediction:

L: God's gift of family helps us feel we have a special place in the world.

**All: We have a place where we belong, whether it's biological, social, or communal. We all belong to a family!**

L: Go out into the world, knowing you belong and are loved.

**All: We will go to offer Christ's love to others!**

L: May the amazing grace of Jesus the Christ, the extravagant love of God, and the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All: Amen.**

\*Choral Blessing: (*tune: Edelweiss*)

**Thank you, Lord, on this day, for our many good blessings.**

**Thank you, Lord, on this day, for our many close friendships.**

**Glory to God, may you hear our prayer,**

**Guide us on forever.**

**Thank you, Lord, on this day, for our blessings and friendships.**

Musical Postlude

**The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of Shirley Traer (Deceased Jan. 5, 2017) and Grace Watling by their Family.**

### Memorials

In loving memory of **Estella Glidden**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Marjorie MacPhee, Dennis & Judy Morrison, Jeanne Breau, Don & Judy Bowman, Hallam & Donna Curtis, Denis & Liz Desaulniers, Paul & Bessie Sweezey.

In loving memory of **Estella Glidden**, donations to the Community Kitchen have been received from Bill & Donna Sweezey, Bob & Dorothy Wilson, Joyce Forbes, James & Betty MacDiarmid, Maude Jardine Unit, UCW, Bob & Gladys Gregan, Ferne & Ernie MacLean.

In loving memory of **Estella Glidden**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

In loving memory of **Estella Glidden**, a donation to Riverside Cemetery has been received from Jack & Cynthia Duplessie.

In loving memory of **Estella Glidden**, a donation to the Mission & Service Fund has been received from Muriel Lamkey.

In loving memory of **Dorothy & Archie McLearn**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Debbie & Terry McKay.

In loving memory of **Jack King (deceased May 16, 2017)**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Heather & Stan Rousselle.

In loving memory of **Lillian Morrison and Katherine McCarthy**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Dennis & Judy Morrison and Family.

In loving memory of our mothers, **Ida Matheson and Inez Jenkins**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Austin & Dawn Jenkins and Family.

### Honorarium

In honour of all **United Church Women**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from The Maude Jardine Unit.

In honour of **Lillian McLenaghan's 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

**Duty Unit: May** – Maude Jardine Unit/**June** – Princess Anne Unit

**Tape Distribution: May 13** – Jim & Faye Wilson/**May 20** – Joan MacKnight Savoy

**Greeters: May 20** – Carolyn & Sam Shirley/**May 27** – Barb Doucet & Margaret Moran Glidden

**Sound System: May 13** – Ernie MacLean/**May 20** – Brian Savoy

**Power Point: May 13** – Mary Reynolds/**May 20** – Juanita Hamilton

**Offering Collections: May 13** – Gail Arsenault, Helen Jones, Holly Daley, Debbie Stymiest/**May 20** – Don Walls, Denis Desaulniers, Gary Blackmore, John MacKnight

**Offering Counters:**

**May 13** – Lib Hachey, Don Benson, Barry Campbell/**May 20** – Margaret Moran Glidden, Carol Johnston, Debbie Stymiest

*Flowers have been placed in loving memory of my dear mother,  
Mona Kingston by Jeanne Breau.*

### Announcements

**This Week:**

**Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00 a.m. – *Pastoral Care & Outreach Team Meeting*

**Upcoming:**

**Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday** – You are invited to dress in colours of the Spirit: red, orange, yellow. On that day we will celebrate the sacraments of Baptism & Communion

**The Communication and Policy Planning Team** is requesting members of the congregation to notify Karen in the Church Office if any changes have occurred in your phone number, mailing address, or email address. This will ensure that information in the Church Office remains current. Also if anyone does not wish for any photos, etc. of themselves to be placed on the church Facebook page and/or the church webpage please notify Karen at the church office. If you do not contact the office we will assume you are fine with photos etc. being placed on the church website and/or Facebook page.

**Graduation Recognition** – Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know the names of any from our congregation who are graduating this year from High School, Community College or University. Also if you have grandchildren graduating, please let us know so they can be recognized in our bulletin as well. Information has to be in to the office no later than Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will need the name of the school they are graduating from, what their future plans are and a photo if you have one.

**The proceeds from the 2018 Ecumenical Lenten Services**, presented to the Miramichi Food Bank, totaled \$1,974.54. The Chatham Ministerial Association thanks all who supported the Lenten Services, and in turn, the Food Bank.

**Good Used Clothing Sale will be held here at St. Andrew's United Church** on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Clothing may be brought in to the church any time after June 20, 2018.

**Headstones Saddles made by Brenda Hicks or Jacky LeBreton** are now on sale at Newcastle Farmers Market or by calling Brenda (773-6787) or Jacky (773-8002).

**Huge yard sale at United Church Centre**, 556 King George Hwy. on Saturday, May 19th beginning at 7 AM.

**"Caring Friends" is doing some long overdue renovations.**

We are looking for used but good-conditioned rocker recliners. We are willing to pay some in order to get chairs in good conditions. Contact Wayne Mullin @ 778-8292.

**The 17th annual Relay for Life** will be held on Saturday, June 9th at James M. Hill school from 6 p.m. - midnight. You may register a team by calling Don @ 773-3282. To register as a new survivor call Bev at 773-5459. All survivors register outside the cafeteria between 4 - 6 p.m. and reception is at 5 p.m. with Survivor's Victory Lap at 7 p.m. There will be entertainment 'til midnight and a hair cutting ceremony around 8 p.m. Luminary ceremony will be at 10 p.m. and luminaries can be purchased at the event or in advance at several locations including Miramichi Medical, Miramichi Meats, Brookdale Nurseries, St. Andrew's United Church and Earl's Meats. They are \$7.00 or 2 for \$10.00. Come out and support survivors, register as a survivor, volunteer or be on a team. Together we can fight cancer.

**Run for the Word – Miramichi**

Run for the Word (R4W) is a fundraising event held in New Brunswick that started in 2013. This annual event aims to connect Canadian Bible Society (CBS) friends and supporters together to raise funds for the Bible work in Canada and around the world. Participants join by either committing to run or walk from 1km to 5km and raising funds for the various Bible translation, distribution and engagement programs of the Canadian Bible Society. This year the run will be taking place on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Miramichi Valley Bible Camp 104 Enclosure Park Road, Derby Junction, NB. Please register online at <http://nbdcb.ca/r4w.html> or for more information contact: Rev. Colin Holmes by phone: 506-625-4673 or e-mail: [info@nbdcb.ca](mailto:info@nbdcb.ca)

**Miramichi Worldwide** team will be presenting on their recent trip to Rwanda on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Vogue Theatre in Chatham. Come out and learn about our project in this beautiful country and how they have learned to work together after the horrific genocide. After the presentation there will be an opportunity to ask questions and meet the team and learn about upcoming projects. Refreshments will be served.