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May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Musical Prelude

\*Introit:

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Anthony McLean*

One: We are one in the Spirit,

**All: we are one in the Lord –**

One: one in love and forgiveness,

**All: one in hope and expectation,**

One: one in justice and mercy,

**All: one in grace and peace.**

One: We gather in the name of Jesus who unites us.

**All: We gather in the light of Christ.**

*(candle is lit as we sing)*

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,**

and together we'll spread the light of Christ throughout our land.

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Call to Worship: *(based on Psalm 98 - seated)*

L: Sing to the Holy One, sing a new song! Sing to the One who has done marvellous things!

**All: We sing with our hearts as we love one another. God's love creates ripples of love.**

L: God remembered the covenant of love and faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

**All: We rejoice with our lives as we love one another. God's love creates ripples of love.**

L: Sing to the Holy One ... Let the sea roar ... and the mountains shout together.

**All: We give praise to God with our hearts and our lives as we love one another. God's love creates ripples of love.**

Opening Prayer: *(seated)*

**Loving God, you teach us to love one another. Help us to do that well, with a spirit of truth and trust. Help us to know when we are called to show love. Help us to know when showing love means holding our tongue, or saying "I'm sorry", or providing care and attention. Grant us the blessing of being cared for by our friends and families and by those with whom we share in this community of faith. Help us to be a people who reach out with friendship and loving kindness. We pray in the name of the One who taught us of your love and calls us his friends. The One who taught us to pray: Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

\*Hymn: #289, It Only Takes a Spark

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn: #365, Jesus Loves Me *(congregation seated)*

Conversation with the Children

Prayer of Confession:

One: Gracious God, we know what it means to be a friend.

**Left: Forgive us for the times when our friendship has faltered.**

*Right: Forgive us for the times we have forgotten how to be a friend to ourselves.*

**Left: Forgive us for the times we have forgotten how to be a friend to others.**

One: We know what it means to show your love.

**Left: Forgive us when we forget to help those in need.**

*Right: Forgive us when we turn away from the needs we see around us.*

**Left: Forgive us for the times we leave acts of love for another day.**

*Right: Forgive us when we harbour resentment and hurt instead of letting them go.*

One: We know what it means to be forgiven.

**Left: Forgive us when we forget how to show forgiveness.**

*Right: Forgive us when we forget how to pursue justice in love.*

**Left: Forgive us when we estrange ourselves from others because we feel too guilty or too proud.**

One: We know what it means to be gathered.

*Right: Forgive us when we forget to extend hospitality and welcome.*

**Left: Forgive us for closing our doors and shutting down opportunities to be your love in the world.**

*Right: Forgive us for the times we abandon our call to love our neighbours.*

**All: Amen.**

Words of Affirmation

## THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination: *Joan MacKnight Savoy*

**Eternal God,**

**in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;  
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;  
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.**

**Amen.**

Scripture Readings:

Acts 10:44-48 – *Joan MacKnight Savoy*

\*Responsive Reading: Psalm 98, page 818, Refrain 2

John: 15:9-17

Ministry of Music

Reflection on the Word

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn: #606, In Christ there Is No East or West

Minute for Mission: "A Life of Giving in Action"

Offering

\*Choral Response: #191, MV

**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:

**God of love, as we return these gifts to you this day, may our hearts sing with a new song – a song of justice for the oppressed, of joy for the broken hearted, of love for those who feel unlovable.**

**As we live your commandment to love one another, may our lives bear fruit that lasts – the fruit of kindness and mercy, of friendship and welcome.**

**Bless the gifts of ourselves and our resources, that through them your love might shine brightly in our community and world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (*seated*)

\*Hymn: #343, I Love to Tell the Story

\*Benediction:

L: Go now, creating ripples of God's love. Walk in God's grace, love with Christ's mercy, and bask in the Spirit's blessings, this day and always.

**All: Amen.**

\*Choral Response: (*tune: MV #221*)

**I am walking a path of love, I am walking a path of love,**

**I am walking a path of love,**

**Lead me home, lead me home.**

Musical Postlude

**The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of William Ramsay (deceased May 1, 2015) by wife, Grace, Adam and Family.**

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to John & Margaret Glidden and family on the death of John's mother, Estella Glidden.*

### Memorials

In loving memory of **Les Glazer**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Shirley Morrison.

In loving memory of **Estella Glidden**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Carol & Lee Johnston, Karen Rose, Barbara Doucet.

In loving memory of **Estella Glidden**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Helen & Ed Jones, Alison, Oliver, Elliot and Everly Hubbard.

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

**Tape Distribution:** May 6 – Henry & Karen Wilson/**May 13** – Jim & Faye Wilson/**May 20** – Joan MacKnight Savoy

**Greeters:** May 13 – Jim & Faye Wilson/**May 20** – Carolyn & Sam Shirley/**May 27** – Barb Doucet & Margaret Moran Glidden

**Sound System:** May 6 – Mary Reynolds/**May 13** – Ernie MacLean/**May 20** – Brian Savoy

**Power Point:** May 6 – Margaret Moran Glidden/**May 13** – Mary Reynolds/**May 20** – Juanita Hamilton

**Offering Collections:** May 6 – Don Bowman, Clarke Fraser, Barry & Bev Campbell/**May 13** – Gail Arsenault, Helen Jones, Holly Daley, Debbie Stymiest/**May 20** – Don Walls, Denis Desaulniers, Gary Blackmore, John MacKnight

**Offering Counters:**

May 6 – Brian Savoy, Plen & Carol Dickson/**May 13** – Lib Hachey, Don Benson, Barry Campbell/**May 20** – Margaret Moran Glidden, Carol Johnston, Debbie Stymiest

*Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Lillian McLenaghan who celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.*

### Announcements

**This Week:**

**Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** – 11:30 a.m. – *Rae Walls & Rainbow Unit meeting with a brown bag lunch*

**Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> –DATE CHANGE- 12 noon – Princess Street**  
*Unit meeting with a brown bag lunch*

-6:30 p.m. – *Policy and Communication Planning Team*  
*meeting*

**Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon – Worship & Faith Development**  
*Team meeting with a brown bag lunch*

**Upcoming:**

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

**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).

**Knox Memorial Hymn Sing** will be held today, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Knox United Church. Fellowship and tea to follow in the church hall following the service.

**Special Olympics Spring Tea & Fashion Show** will be held on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Beaverbrook Kin Centre 1:00 p.m.

Tea/coffee and dessert will be served (including desserts for special diets) and there will be door prizes. Tickets are \$15.00 are on sale at Brookdale Flower Shop, Kingston's Car Wash, Country Floral or at the door. For more information please call Beth Murray 773-9981.

**Relay for Life** – Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Luminaries can be purchased now from Karen at the church office. Price of Luminaries is \$7.00 each or 2/\$10.00.

**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.

**Sister in Spirit Pins** are available in the church office (we have 5 in stock) \$12.00 each.

**A Lobster supper will be held at St. James & St. John United Church Center, 556 King George Hwy. on Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day),** from 2-5 PM. Take-out is available and there will be free delivery upon request by phoning the church office at 622-1598. Tickets are \$22.50, will be pre-sold only and may be purchased at the church office, Brookdale Flower Shop and Breatheasy. Tickets will be on sale until Thursday, May 10. The menu consists of lobster, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, strawberry shortcake and tea/coffee. What a great Mother's Day gift!

**Miramichi Wellness/Holistic Fair** will take place Saturday & Sunday, May 12-13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Miramichi Curling Club. For more information please see the bulletin board.

**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://nbdcbc.ca/r4w.html> or for more information contact: Rev. Colin Holmes by phone: 506-625-4673 or e-mail: [info@nbdcbc.ca](mailto:info@nbdcbc.ca)

**"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.