

St. Andrew's United Church  
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July 15, 2018

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it  
from themselves. – James Barrie*

### We Gather To Worship

Musical Prelude

Life and Works of the Church

Quiet/Silence Before Worship: Prayers for Others

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Carol Johnston*

The Christ candle is lit. We are blessed to be in the presence of Christ's Spirit.

The Christ candle is lit. We come to worship and to honour all that we share as a people searching for the truth.

Choir: VU 82

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
throughout the night, living in the light.  
Come share its gladness, God's radiant  
love is burning bright, living in the light.**

\*Call to Worship: (*Responsive*)

M: Creator of the world, eternal God,

**All: We have come from many places for a little while.**

M: Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,

**All: We have come with all our differences,  
seeking common ground.**

M: Spirit of unity, go-between God,

**All: We have come on journeys of our own,  
to a place where journeys meet.**

M: So here, in this shelter house,  
let us take time together.

For when paths cross and pilgrims gather,  
there is much to share and celebrate

**All: In your name, three-in-one God.**

**Pattern of community. Amen.**

\*Introit: #315 – “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Gathering Prayer: *Let us pray together (seated)*

**Let us pray – God of Sarah and Abraham, and God of us all,  
we turn to you, trusting in your love and confident in your  
great mercy. You have called people throughout the ages to  
journey the pathway of faithfulness and to live fully in the  
assurance of your covenant promise. We come before you,  
seeking new life and renewed hope on the journey which is  
ours. Be our guide for all that we may face, this day and  
always. We pray in Jesus' name, and as he taught:  
Our Father, who are in heaven....**

\*Opening Hymn: VU#240, “Praise My Soul The God of Heaven”

Affirmation of Faith

*(from A Song of Faith: A statement of faith of the United Church of  
Canada, adopted at the 39<sup>th</sup> General Council, 2006)*

God is Holy Mercy,  
 beyond complete knowledge,  
 above perfect description.  
 So God creates the universe  
 and with it the possibility of being and relating.  
 We sing of God the Spirit  
 faithful and untamable,  
 who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.  
 The Risen Christ lives today,  
 and to all he did and taught,  
 to his life, death, and resurrection,  
 and to his continuing presence with us  
 through the Spirit,  
 we celebrate him as  
 the Word made flesh,  
 the one in whom God and humanity are perfectly joined,  
 the transformation of our lives,  
 the Christ.  
 Grateful for God's loving action,  
 we cannot keep from singing.  
 Creating and seeking relationship,  
 in awe and trust,  
 we witness to Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love. Amen.

### We Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Compassionate One, open our hearts, our lives, and our senses to revelations both old and new, for we are seeking newness in the message that is as old as you. Amen.

\*Responsive Psalm: Psalm 24, VU 751

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:14-29 or Luke 8:23-27

\*Hymn of Praise: VU 626, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Message

### We Respond to God's Word

Choir Anthem

Offertory Invitation:

M: All you who hunger gather round. All you who thirst for God, listen up. Here are the seeds of something great and good. With these gifts, we give seeds of love and justice to sow in our world.

Amen.

The Offering Received

\*Offertory Hymn: V.U. #539 – Tune 459)

**God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,  
 Use them your holy purpose to fulfil;  
 Tokens of love and pledges brought anew  
 That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

\*Offertory Prayer: (*Unison*)

**We trust, loving God, that your Spirit will come down upon these offerings and will figuratively set them alight like tinder, that, through them, faith in you will glow ever more brightly in your people, and that others will see our passion and will be drawn to the warmth of your love. Amen.**

### Sending Forth

Prayers of the People

\*Closing Hymn of Praise: VU#716 – "My Life Flows On"

\*Commissioning/Benediction:

We have opened our hearts to God's Spirit on this day of Pentecost. As you go from this place, let your breath give life to others and to all of God's creation. Let God's Spirit breath into you with goodness, and breath out of you in love. With your every breath and with the breath of all that lives, give praise to God.

\*Choral Benediction: (Tune 460)

**From this place of prayer and praising,  
cross and table, well-worn pews,  
God we leave to work and witness,  
living every day for you.  
Bless your people as we journey,  
loving parent, Holy Friend;  
Spirit guide your people onward  
till once more we meet again.**

Musical Postlude

**The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of  
Ian MacLean (deceased July 14, 2013) by his wife,  
Frances MacLean.**

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Dr. Stephen Bent, Carolyn MacKnight Bent, Julia Bent & Meagan Bent on the death of Stephen's father, Gerald Bent of Nova Scotia.*

### Memorials

In loving memory of **Sadie Campbell**, donations to St. Mark's Cemetery have been received from Lee & Carol Johnston, Barb Doucet, Bill & Evelyn Row, Nancy Dealy.

In loving memory of **Ken Cameron**, a donation to the Summer Community Kitchen has been received from Jim & Marilyn McGerrigle.

In loving memory of **Ken Cameron**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Dennis & Judy Morrison.

In loving memory of **Ron Harrison**, donations to the Summer Community Kitchen have been received from Doris Tozer, Shirley Morrison.

**Duty Unit: July – Princess Street Unit/August – Rae Walls & Rainbow Unit**

**Greeters: July 22 – Mavis Williamson & Norma Richardson /July 29 – Helen Jones & Marjorie MacPhee**

**Sound System: July 15 – Paul Rose/July 22 – Brian Savoy/ July 29 – Mary Reynolds**

**Power Point: July 15 – Juanita Hamilton/July 22 – Juanita Hamilton/July 29 – Mary Reynolds**

**Offering Collections: July 15 – Holly Daley, Hallam Curtis, Barb Doucet, Clarke Fraser/July 22 – Dave & Brenda Hicks, Sam Shirley, Debbie Stymiest/July 29 – Ferne & Ernie MacLean, Brian & Joan Savoy**

**Offering Counters:**

**July 15 – Juanita Hamilton, Hallam Curtis, Barry Campbell/ July 22 – Juanita Hamilton, Carol Johnston, Marjorie MacPhee/July 29 – Betty MacDiarmid, Ferne & Ernie MacLean**

### Announcements

**This Week:**

**Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Office Closed**

**Upcoming:**

**Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> –** The worship service will be held in Elm Park at 10:00 a.m. Please be sure to bring your own lawn chair. The service will be followed by a Cold Pot-Luck Luncheon at the Church. Cold Pot-Luck could be salads, sandwiches, desserts, etc.

**Riverside Cemetery Service will be held on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** Worship will be led by Rev. Charlene and special music by Bill Hachey and Friends. (In case of rain it will be held at St. Andrew's).

**35<sup>th</sup> Canada's Irish Festival closing concert, Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup> at James M. Hill Theatre with America's Irish Tenor, Ronan Tynan and accompanist William Lewis. Show time 7:00 p.m. Advance tickets \$35.00, door \$ 40.00 on sale at Irish Festival office, Kingston Car Wash, Brookdale Flower Shop and on line [www.canadasirishfest.com](http://www.canadasirishfest.com) or calling 778-8810.**

**A Concert, “From Mother Miramichi to the Front Porch”**

featuring Melanie Ross-Breen and Rob Currie at THE VOGUE on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: Advance \$15/Door \$20. Tickets available from Jean Coutu, Coffee Mill & Creative Grounds or John Bosma (773-5174) and Gina Skidd (773-6406) in support of St. Michael’s Capital Fund-raising. Twelve door prizes at Intermission to be won.

**Burnt Church Women’s Institute Lunches**

Planning a day trip? Why not travel to Burnt Church on a Wednesday afternoon to attend the delicious lunches hosted by the Burnt Church Women’s Institute. Members of the W I have graciously been serving these lunches for the last 43 years. Luncheons will be held on Wednesdays July 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and August 1st and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the WI Community Hall, 326 Church River Rd., Burnt Church from 11 am to 2 pm.

The menu will feature chicken burgers, hotdogs, hamburgers and home-made desserts. There will also be handicrafts, jams, jellies and quilts for sale. Burnt Church t-shirts will be available this summer.

“W I members look forward to welcoming all customers each week especially those who have attended these luncheons over the Years” said President Marion Green. “If you have not attended one of these luncheons over the past 43 years why not start a new tradition. Burnt Church is a great place to spend a Wednesday afternoon on a Miramichi summer day.”

For further information please call Marion 776-8896