

St. Andrew's United Church  
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Greeters: Helen Jones & Marjorie MacPhee

July 29, 2018  
Worship in Elm Park

We Gather to Worship God

Musical Prelude

\*Introit: #412, vs.1&3

**This is the day, this is the day that our God has made,  
that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.**

**You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name,  
we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks  
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, we will praise your name,  
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name.**

\*Call to Worship:

L: In the presence of the God whose word called the stars into being,

**All: We stand in awe.**

L: In the presence of the Christ whose arms held little children and whose eyes sparkled with laughter,

**All: We stand in trust.**

L: In the presence of the Spirit who stirs within us and causes our hearts to thirst for meaning,

**All: We stand in longing.**

2.

L: Before you, God, giver of life, in search of love and truth and wholeness,

**All: We come in worship.**

Opening Prayer: (*seated*)

**God of creation, giver of joy, on the Sabbath you sat down to rest. Around you was all creation: stars danced across the heavens, the wind wove melodies through the trees. All your creatures, animal and human, walked together and knew joy. You looked and saw that it was good.**

**On this summer Sunday, may we simply sit and rest. May we sense your creation all around us, and see that it is good. Show us how to walk softly on the earth, and together in love. Amen.**

Opening Music (*Gospel Medley led by Bill Hachey & Don Savoy*)  
Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Confession:

*L: In this season of summer, let us make our confession.*

L: In this season of beauty and enjoyment of the outdoors, O God,  
**All: we confess that we have not cared for the earth as your gift for us and for all who will come after us. Global warming, depleted natural resources, polluted air and water cause the earth to groan ...**

L: In this season of warmth, O God,

**All: we confess those times when we have been cool in relationships and distant in friendships ...**

L: In this season of relaxation,

**All: we confess those times when we have not let go of attitudes that cut others off, and those times we have not kept to ourselves words that wound ...**

L: In this season of plenty,

**All: we confess those times when we have hoarded your gifts and turned away from those desperate for even the bare necessities of life ...**

L: In this season of growth, O God,

**All: coax us into newness, into wholeness, into life.**

3.

Words of Assurance:

L: God's love is like gentle rain on a hot summer's day. It is love that accepts, forgives, and frees us to begin life anew. We are a forgiven people.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### We Hear the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination: *Susan Knutson*

**Holy God, you call us together to reflect on your Word, and our life in your world. As we hear the scriptures read and proclaimed, may we hear your voice and understand your way. This we pray through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

O.T. Lesson: Proverbs 3:1-10

Responsive Reading: Psalm 36

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mountains, O God, your judgements are like the great deep; all living things you save.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

**Continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright in heart.**

Special Music – “Where No One Stands Alone” - *Bill Hachey & Don Savoy*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:25-34

Reflection

\*Hymn: Count your Blessings (#133 S of G – vs. 1,2,3)

4.

### We Respond to the Word of God

Offering

Choral Response: #540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free;  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.**

Offertory Prayer:

**Loving God, we give this offering as part of our caring for your world. We dedicate it to the spreading of your message of love in our community and in far-off lands. Bless the gifts we bring and bless us, the givers. We pray as followers of Jesus. Amen.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn: #226, For the Beauty of the Earth

Benediction:

L: The Earth is the Lord's, and God's Earth is our home.

**All: May the Spirit move us to protect the Very Good that God has made. May our Creator show us the way to live more gently, and restore our home.**

L: Cherish all creatures of earth, sea, and sky.

**All: We will work to make a healthy space for all, so that God might continue to declare: “It is Very Good!”**

L: Go forth in hope and confidence, knowing that the grace of God surrounds you and offers you life's blessings always. Amen.

Choral Closing: (*tune Edelweiss*)

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;  
Grant you peace, perfect peace;  
courage for every endeavour.**

**Lift up your eyes and you'll see His face,  
He will leave you never;**

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

Musical Postlude

**The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of  
Lloyd (deceased October 5, 2017) & Diane Cameron  
(deceased September 13, 1989) by Anthony McLean.**

5.

**Memorials**

In loving memory of **Bob Boomhour**, a donation to the Summer Kitchen has been received from Jim & Faye Wilson.

In loving memory of **Wilson MacIntosh**, a donation to the Summer Kitchen has been received from Helen & Ed Jones.

In loving memory of **Sadie Campbell**, a donation to St. Mark's Cemetery has been received from Colleen Ross & Lars Almen.

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

**Greeters:** Aug. 5 – Roland & Liz Taylor/**Aug. 12** – Ernie & Ferne MacLean/Aug. 19 –

**Sound System:** Aug. 5 – Juanita Hamilton/**Aug. 12** – Paul Rose

**Power Point:** Aug. 5 – Debbie Benson/**Aug. 12** – Juanita Hamilton

**Offering Collections:** July 29 – Ferne & Ernie MacLean, Brian & Joan Savoy/**Aug. 5** – Mavis Williamson, Anthony McLean, Barry & Bev Campbell/**Aug. 12** – Denis Desaulniers, Cynthia Duplessie, Marjorie MacPhee, Helen Jones

**Offering Counters:**

**July 29** – Betty MacDiarmid, Ferne & Ernie MacLean/**Aug. 5** – Brian Savoy, Brian Adams, Don Bowman/**Aug. 12** – Judy & Dennis Morrison, Hallam Curtis

**Announcements**

**This Week:**

**Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>** – 11:30 a.m. - *CGIT Vesper Service going to lunch at Middle Island. All former members are welcome to attend.*

**Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 11:00 a.m. – *Devotions at Miramichi Senior Citizens Home. Congregation and choir members are encouraged to attend.*

6.

**Upcoming:**

**The Pastoral Care and Outreach Team are planning a Summer Picnic Outing** for our church seniors at Middle Island on Wednesday, August 15th at 11:00 am, rain date August 22nd. Sign -up sheet at the back of the church. If you know of a senior within the church who would like to attend, please sign them up. Anyone in need of a drive please call the church office at 773-9932.

**Office Hours:**

**Monday – Closed; Tuesday -9am-1pm; Wednesday 9am-1pm; Thursday 9am-1pm; Friday – Office Closed**

**Riverside Cemetery Service will be held today, 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).

**Good Used Clothing Sale** – Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 6pm and Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 6 pm. All donations of clothing may be dropped off here to the church during office hours (Clothing, Linen, Purses, Shoes, Jewelry) and placed into the double Sunday School Classroom.

**Burnt Church Women's Institute Lunches**

Luncheons will be held on Wednesdays August 1st and August 8<sup>th</sup> at the WI Community Hall, 326 Church River Rd., Burnt Church from 11 am to 2 pm.

**Bed Needed:** A young single Mom is looking for a bed (double preferred). She has been sleeping on an air mattress which sprung a leak. If anyone has a bed to donate, notify the church office.

## Count Your Blessings

1. When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings; name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one.*

*Count your blessings, see what God hath done.*

*Count your blessings, name them one by one.*

*Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.*

2. Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings; ev'ry doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days go by.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one.*

*Count your blessings, see what God hath done.*

*Count your blessings, name them one by one.*

*Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.*

3. When you look at others with their lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you his wealth untold.  
Count your many blessings; money cannot buy  
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one.*

*Count your blessings, see what God hath done.*

*Count your blessings, name them one by one.*

*Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.*

## For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

**God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,

**God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

**God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

For each perfect gift sublime  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

**God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**