

St. Andrew's United Church

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SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

15th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Musical Prelude

(Congregation is invited to stand, as able, when choir enters)

*Greeting: *Joan MacKnight Savoy*

L: Living in God means God's love is living in us.

All: May the light of God's love shine brightly in us, and through us, to all the world.

*Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Joan MacKnight Savoy*

(Candle is lit as we sing #82, A Light is Gleaming, chorus & vs 3)

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.

And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.

He showed us things we hadn't seen.

Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,

and this will be a sign: *Chorus*

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

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

2.

*Call to Worship:

L: Receive life as a gift from God.

All: We will give generously to others from the gift of our lives.

L: Hear the words of your faith and rise to act.

All: We will be doers of the word, acting out of faith and love.

L: God's love lives in us. And faith will not fail us.

All: We come to give God thanks and praise, and to offer ourselves as God's faithful, loving servants.

L: Let us worship God!

*Introit: #402, We Are One (vs.1)

**We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here;
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.**

Opening Prayer: *(seated)*

Creating God, Giver of life and love, open our hearts to your loving call, that we may hear your voice and rise to follow you. We give you thanks for the gift of life, and pledge to live this gift with love and gratitude.

Guide us, Holy One, to respond to those in need: the widow and the orphans, the tired and the weary, the lost and the lonely. We pray in the name of Christ, who taught us how to love. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Confession:

We confess, God, that we often hear but do not listen.

Preoccupied with our own voice inside us, we often give too little attention to what we hear from others. Forgive us when we only hear what others say but do not listen for what they do not say, perhaps what they long to say but cannot trust enough that they will be listened to.

3.

Forgive us, God, when we hear the voices of the poor and marginalized but hear only stereotypes and do not listen enough to hear the cries and concerns of real people.

And forgive us, God, when we hear the chatter in our own lives but do not listen to our own deep fears and longings. Amen.

Words of Affirmation:

L: Friends, know this, God is the great listener. God hears our prayers and listens to our cries, and gives forgiveness freely and lavishly. Our sin is forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: #508, Just As I Am (*congregation seated*)

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination:

God of all things, loving and caring, we come together to listen for the wisdom revealed to us in your Word. As the scriptures are read and proclaimed, open us to your call and send us out with what we need in order to show and proclaim your love.

Amen.

Scripture Readers: *Patricia Boucher & Merle Milson*

Epistle Lesson: James 1:17-27

Be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Not from outside but from within is a person defiled

Ministry of Music

Reflection on the Word

*Hymn: #589, Lord, Speak to Me

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering Invitation

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The Offering

*Offertory 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:

Receive the offering of our gifts and ourselves, O God, as sign of our commitment to the work of your church. Through our sharing, may we live more fully into our promise to be doers of the word, and not hearers only. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: #635, All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

*Benediction:

L: With hearts renewed and spirits filled to overflowing with the love of God,

All: We go from this place to follow in the way of Jesus who taught us how to love.

L: Listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Hear the word, do the word, and live the word. Go in peace.

All: We go with God's blessing, to be a blessing for one another and the world. Amen.

*Choral Response: #221, MV

I am walking a path of love (x3),

lead me home, lead me home.

Musical Postlude

*The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of
Jack Tozer & Ron Morrison by Doris Tozer & Family.*

5.

Congratulations & Best Wishes are extended to Myrtle Murdock of the Miramichi Senior Citizens Home who celebrated her 98th Birthday on August 30th

Memorials

In loving memory of **Paula (Walsh) Barry**, a donation to the Summer Community Kitchen has been received from Helen & Ed Jones.

In loving memory of **Elmer Jenkins**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Helen, Ed, Alison and Family.

In loving memory of **Mary Sticklen**, a donation to Mission & Service Fund has been received from Helen & Ed Jones.

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

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

In loving memory of **Eleanor (Harris) Turner**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from the Turner Family.

Duty Unit: Sept. Lesley Daigle Unit/Oct. Maude Jardine Unit

Greeters: Sept. 9 – Barry & Bev Campbell/Sept. 16 – Bill & Lib Hachey

Sound System: Sept. 2 – John MacKnight/Sept. 9 – Margaret Glidden/Sept. 16 – Brian Savoy

Power Point: Sept. 2 – Mary Reynolds/Sept. 9 – Debbie Benson/Sept. 16 – Karen Rose

Offering Collections: Sept. 2 – Holly Daley, Sam Shirley, Dave & Brenda Hicks/Sept. 9 – Ferne & Ernie MacLean, Carol Johnston, Debbie Stymiest

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Offering Counters: Sept. 2 – Brian Savoy, Don Bowman, Barry Campbell/Sept. 9 – Margaret Glidden, Debbie Stymiest, Debbie Benson/Sept. 16 – Juanita Hamilton, Hallam Curtis, Brian Adams

Announcements

This Week:

Thursday, Sept. 6th – 11:00 a.m. – *Devotions at the Miramichi Senior Citizens Home (choir and congregation members are encouraged to attend)*

Office Hours this week:

Monday – Closed; Tuesday – Closed; Wednesday – 9am-12:00 pm & 1:00 – 5:00 pm; Thursday 9am-12pm & 1:00 -5:00 pm; Friday – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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Upcoming:

Monday, Sept. 10th – 11:30 a.m. - Rae Walls & Rainbow Unit with a brown bag lunch.

Sunday School will begin on September 9th with an Assembly and Registration. The **second Registration will be on September 16th** (or you can pick up registration forms at the church office.) We will be using ***Deep Blue Curriculum*** again this year, supplemented with crafts and other activities. Children please remember to bring your Deep Blue Bibles! The theme for the fall lessons is: ***Jesus' Teachings, Stories Jesus Told, and the People Jesus Met.***

If any congregation members would be willing to be an occasional helper in the Sunday School, please contact the Church Office or Colleen Dickson (773-5161).

The Villagers Chorus Group have recorded a new CD which is now on sale in the church office for \$10.00 a CD.

A family in need are looking for the donation of a baby gate (for the head of the stairs) or a baby swing. If you can help, please call the church office.

7.

The UCW (United Church Women) would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of our "New to You" clothing sale. Whether it be: by helping set up, picking up clothing racks, setting up the tables, organizing the clothing for display, working the sale, making snacks and clean-up. Your generosity and support did not go unnoticed. **We realized \$ 1752.65 profit.**

Annual Harvest Home Supper at St. Stephen's United Church, 7970 Route 117, Black River Bridge, tomorrow, Sept. 3, 2018. Tickets on sale from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Meal served from 12:00 noon to 5:30 pm. Supper will consist of Ham or Turkey Adults \$13.00; children (12 & under) \$6.00; Salmon, Adults \$16.00 and children (12 & under) \$6.00. Take outs available with canteen & crafts on grounds.

Does going to a third world county and helping with a building project interest you or helping to fund raise towards this? For more information come out to Miramichi Worldwide meeting on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m., 158 Wellington St., Miramichi. We'd love your input on where to go next and fund raising ideas.

Miramichi Literacy Council celebrates 40 years of service on International Literacy Day on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018 from 1-3 pm at the Seaman's Heritage Hospital. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a guest speaker and a light lunch provided.

Calvin Presbyterian Church Youth Groups will begin meeting in the church hall, King Street, Miramichi [Chatham] at the following times: Middle School Youth Group - Friday, September 7 from 6-7 pm High School Youth Group - Saturday, September 8 from 6-8 pm. Come and join in on the fun! Everyone is welcome!