

St. Andrew's United Church,
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St. Andrew's United Church
August 23, 2020

12th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Musical Prelude

*Greeting:

O magnify the Lord with me,
let us exalt God's name together!
The spirit in me greets the spirit in you, Alleluia!
God's in us and we're in God, Alleluia!

*Hymn: #23 (SofG), In the Garden

*Lighting of the Christ Candle: *(seated)*

(candle is lit; you are invited to light a candle at home)

May the blessing of light be upon us:
the blessing of daylight
the blessing of sunlight
the blessing of Christ light.

*Chorus: #87

I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

Call to Worship: *(seated)*

The God of our ancestors calls to us today;

May we have the faith of our ancestors to go where God leads
us.

The God of our children calls to us today;

May we work for justice and peace to build up the reign of God
on earth.

2.

Jesus, son of the Living God, calls to us now;

May we worship God, follow Jesus, and be moved by the Spirit
to do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God, now and
forever.

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, you have called us to be your own. We long to
respond to your call in Jesus Christ: openly, fully, lovingly.
Hear our deepest desires and yearnings, we pray. Reveal
yourself in Spirit and in truth. Amen.

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Confession:

God knows our thoughts before we think them, our feelings before
we feel them, our cries before we utter them. God hears us as we
unburden our hearts in confession. Let us take a moment to silently
bring our confession before God.

(silent prayer)

O God from whom all blessings flow: Lead us by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit to think those things which are
right, and enable us by the power of your love to do them.
We confess the ease with which we hurt one another; the ease
with which we turn our backs on the hurt of the world. We
confess that so often we seek our own security over the common
good. Enable us to feel and know true sisterly/ brotherly care
within one family. Encourage us to be the community of your
people, the Body of Christ in the world. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Through the generosity and love of God we are forgiven!

To the One who loves us and has freed us from sin, be glory
and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*Doxology (#541)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.

3.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: *led by Gail Arsenault*

As we read the Holy Scriptures, loving God, may our hearts and voices be filled with joy and with hope in Jesus who makes all things new. Amen.

N.T. Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

“Who do you say that I am?” asks Jesus

Hymn: #341, Fairest Lord Jesus

Reflection on the Word

We Respond to God’s Word

Musical Selection: “In the Sweet By and By”

– *Elvina, Jayme & Marjorie*

Offering of Our Gifts

*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:

Good and giving God, we thank you for the privilege not only of receiving your gifts, but also for the privilege of *being* your gifts – to each other and to the world. Receive our offering and through it and through us, bless your world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

*Commissioning/Benediction:

Go out to be the church, a faithful, faith-filled people.

We have recognized Christ among us and belong to the body that bears Christ’s name.

Remember the rock of faith on which the church is built, and find ways to nurture and develop your trust.

4.

The responsibility is ours, together and individually, to be Christ to our neighbours.

Let us go gladly into the world, remembering:

**The love of God is ours to share,
the peace of Christ is ours to extend,
the power of the Holy Spirit is ours to offer. Amen.**

*Choral Closing: #135 (SofG)

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word

What a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will, he abides with us still,

And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there’s no other way

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Musical Postlude

Memorials

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

In loving memory of **Jack Tozer**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Doris, Sandra, & Edward Tozer.

Power Point: Aug. 23 – Juanita Hamilton/Aug. 30 – Karen Rose

Offering Counters: Aug. 23 – Juanita Hamilton & Marjorie MacPhee/Aug. 30 – Brian Savoy & Don Bowman

Our **church office hours** are Monday (closed); Tuesday - Thursday 9-1; and Friday 9-12 & 1-3.

Announcements

Riverside Cemetery will hold its Annual Cemetery Service on Sunday, August 30th at 3:00 p.m.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the church. Church envelopes can be mailed or brought to the church during morning office hours. To know more about giving by PAR (pre-authorized remittance), call Karen at the church office (773-9932).

5.

Memorial Hymn Sing will be held on **September 27, 2020** during the morning worship service. We invite your support of this fundraising project as a way to remember/honour loved ones and friends. Sheets for requesting hymns are on the usher tables inside the main doors of the sanctuary and will also be emailed to our church email list. Please pass these on to family members or friends who have connections with St. Andrew's but are now living away, so that they might also have an opportunity to participate.

Clergy visits to the hospital: The Horizon Health Network has issued guidelines for clergy in NB regarding hospital visits. Please note: All visits must be at the request of patients and families, and between 2 - 8 pm. There is some flexibility for visits with palliative patients. Only one visit to the hospital is permitted per day and to only one patient per day. Clergy may not enter the Spiritual Care Office to access patient lists, and therefore will be relying upon families keeping them informed. So if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit, please call Rev. Charlene.

St. Stephen's United Church will be holding their Annual Harvest Home Supper at the Black River Community Hall, 7919 Route 117, Black River, NB on Monday, September 7, 2020. Ham and Turkey Dinner (take-out) \$15.00 a person. Pick-ups from 1:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. Advance Ticket Sales Only (deadline for tickets: August 26, 2020) by contacting Grant 773-9312, Leah 773-3634 or John 228-3524 or Chrissy at cghamlyn@gmail.com

COLD PLATE TAKE-OUT Wednesday, August 26th 11:00am – 12:30pm will take place at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 750 Water Street, Miramichi. Pick-up or delivery available. (Chicken Salad, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Pasta Salad, Tomato/Cucumber, Roll and Dessert.) To order, call Lorna, 622-4818 or Katrina, 773-7387 by Monday, August 24th. Cost is \$15; 150 tickets will be pre-sold. Proceeds to Rev. Canon Paul Jeffries Missionary in Uganda.