

St. Andrew's United Church
188 Wellington Street
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Minister: Rev. Charlene Maguire MacKnight
Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

May 29, 2022
7th Sunday of Easter

Order of Service

*indicates to stand as you are able

We Gather to Worship

*We welcome to our worship service this morning, members of
Miramichi Chapter #44, Order of the Eastern Star, joined by Masons
and Shriners.*

Musical Prelude

Processional Hymn: #240, Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven
(vs.1,2,5)

Greeting

*Introit: (*sing x2*)

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Abby & Emma Sweezey*

L: Each new day reminds us of the light that dwells within us –

All: the light God has placed deep within our hearts.

L We light the Christ candle, remembering that we are made of light
and love,

**All: remembering that we are called to bring light and love to
others and the world.**

(The Christ Candle is lit.)

Sing: **Light up the candle every day,
Jesus be with us here as we pray.**

2.

Call to Worship: (*seated*)

Great is the love all around us.

Eager is the Spirit that joins us with Christ.

The Christian church is about community:

**and we ascribe to that tradition with the joys and struggles that
come about in relationship.**

Let us worship together with God and with each other in our hearts and
on our minds,

**And let us work toward the building up of the community we are
called to be, seeking to be one, just as Jesus prayed we would be.**

Opening Prayer:

**God of all love, thank you for calling us into relationship with one
another and with you. Thank you for the joys and responsibilities
that grow out of who we are. Every moment, O God, we seek to
root ourselves in your heart.**

**When the challenges of life drain us, when we have little hope for
the future, and when we just want to give up in despair, we come
to listen and to share stories of people of faith, we come to be
inspired by the Spirit's movement, we come to find the companion
for whom we long in the living Christ journeying every moment
beside us. We come, as we pray, that you may fill us anew. Amen.**

Hymn: #574, Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love (*vs. 1,2,4 –
congregation may remain seated*)

Welcome & Announcements of the Life & Work of the Church

Birthday Box for WDR (*sung seated, as people come forward to
share their birthday box offering*)

**Happy Birthday to you, to Jesus be true;
May God's richest blessings, now rest upon you.**

**These gifts we now share, to show that we care
for all of God's children, here and everywhere**

The Word Proclaimed

3.

Prayer of Illumination: *led by Joyce Spence, Worthy Matron,*

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Open our lives, open our hearts, open our wills, O God, and guide us as we seek to know your purpose for us.

May these age-old words of scripture speak to us of the Life offered through walking in your way. Amen.

N.T. Scripture: Acts 16:9-15 – *Darrell Munn, Chaplain,*

Miramichi Chapter #44, Order of the Eastern Star

*Responsive Reading - Psalm 36, p. 762

Gospel: John 17:20-26 – *Joyce Spence*

Ministry of Music: Men's Choir –

“They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

Reflection on the Word

We Respond to the Word

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

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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.

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*Offertory Prayer:

In response to the love you have so freely and generously given us, O God, we bring our gifts to you. Receive them and add your blessing, that they may offer hope and healing to others here in our own community, and in all those places where we ourselves cannot go. Amen.

*Hymn: #651, Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

4.

*Commissioning & Benediction:

Let us go from this place and this time of worship conscious of our calling, committed to service, with the guidance of the Spirit in our steps and the warmth of Christ's love in our hearts.

We go forth, in unity of spirit, to do God's work in the world.

As we go, may God's love hold us, God's light guide us, and God's enduring truth set us free!

Amen.

Choral Blessing: #422, God Be With You (vs.1)

Musical Postlude

Memorials

In loving memory of **Donna Kervin**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Marjorie Sinclair.

Honorariums

In honour of **Bill & Lenora Hilchey's 65th Wedding Anniversary**, donations to Local Fund have been received from Helen & Ed Jones, Jack & Cynthia Duplessie.

Greeters: May 29 – Emma & Abby Sweezey/**June 5** – Maya & Julia Campbell/**June 12** – Marjorie MacPhee & Reese Godfrey

Sound System: May 29 – Ernie MacLean/**June 5** – Brian Savoy/**June 12** – Don Bowman

Power Point: May 29 – Lynn MacPhee/**June 5** – Karen Rose/**June 12** – Juanita Hamilton

Offering Counters: May 29 – Lynn MacPhee, Carol Johnston/**June 5** – Karen Rose, Marjorie Cassidy/**June 12** – Karen Rose, Juanita Hamilton

Garbage & Recycle: May 29 – Brian Savoy (G)/**June 5** – Dennis Morrison (R)/**June 12** – Barry Campbell (G)

This Week:

Sunday, May 29th – *Men's Choir; Birthday Box for WDR for May birthdays.*

- **2:30 p.m.** – *Stewardship Team Meeting*

5.

Wednesday, June 1st – 7:00 p.m. – *Ministry & Personnel Team Meeting*

Upcoming Week:

Sunday, June 5th – *Confirmation & Transfer of Membership*
- *Sacrament of Communion*

At a meeting of the Church Council held on Wednesday, May 25th, the following change to our Covid protocol was made:

The Council no longer mandates the wearing of a face mask for worship/church activities but encourages individuals to make their own decision around this, according to their comfort level. It is generally recommended that a mask be worn when entering/leaving the church and for activities where there is close face to face contact and singing (the choir is no longer required to be masked) but each individual can choose for themselves.

The Property & Financial Management Team are looking for a few volunteers to help with the mowing/whipper snipping of the church lawns as we have not gotten word on a grant yet for a summer student. If you can help out please sign the sheet at the back of the sanctuary, they feel that two people should be here each week so that it cuts down on the time it takes. Thank you in advance.

Graduate Recognition will be held on Sunday, June 19th at 11 am service. If you have a child or grandchild graduating from High School/College/University this year please forward a photo and a short write-up to the church office no later than June 14th.

CGIT Alumni are meeting for lunch at Pizza Delight (Chatham) on Tuesday, May 31st at 11:30 a.m. All former CGIT are invited to attend.

Headstones Saddles made by Brenda Hicks or Jacky LeBreton are now on sale by calling Brenda (773-6787) or Jacky (773-8002).

MIRAMICHI SUPPORTS UKRAINE - The Miramichi Folksong Festival is hosting a major fundraiser for UKRAINE, Sunday, June 12th, 1pm to 9pm, Beaverbrook Kin Centre. For further info call Susan at 622-1780 or email susanbutler@xplornet.com

6.

DEDICATION GOSPEL CONCERT – St. James & St. John United Church will be hosting an in-person Memorial Gospel Concert at the church, 556 King George Hwy, on Sunday, June 5th, at 7:00 PM. If you wish to dedicate a hymn in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call the church office at 622-1598.

Come see our musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” being held on Friday, June 3rd at 7pm and Saturday, June 4th at 7pm. Tickets are on sale now \$10.00 each by calling Nancy Carter 778-8140.