

St. Andrew's United Church

188 Wellington Street

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Worship Leaders: Mrs. Helen Jones

Organist & Choir Director: Mr. Ken Simpson

July 24, 2022

We Gather To Worship

*indicates to stand as you are able

Musical Prelude

Welcome

*Lighting of the Christ Candle

L: With the lighting of this candle, we recognize and celebrate God's presence among us. (*candle is lit*)

All: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*Introit:

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Call to Worship:

L: This is none other than the house of God. This is no less than the gate of heaven.

All: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

L: God hems us in, behind and before, and lays hands of blessing upon us.

All: Such knowledge is too wonderful to imagine. It is so high we cannot attain it.

L: God is with us here.

All: God is with us always.

L: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

All: We will rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Hymn: #147, "What Wondrous Love Is This"

2.

Opening Prayer:

God of dreams and visions, we enter into moments of stillness and feel your presence. We look around at the world you have created and sense your majesty. Through relationships – our relationship with you and with others – we know that you are constantly with us. We thank you for your many gifts to us, but especially for the gift of being named, known, and cherished by you. Help us to be fully alive to your blessing as we worship this day. Amen.

Announcements of the Life & Work of the Church

Prayer of Confession:

God, we admit that too often we confuse your time for our time, your world for our world. We lose sight of what is truly important, and we think that we have all the answers. When we feel strong and confident, our tendency is to forget you. And we forget our neighbours. Help us to see that we are wound up in a tangled web of community, with you at the centre. Wrap us in your love and mercy, and lead us in the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

L: Our God is one of patience and understanding. Even when we stray, we are accompanied by a love that is too deep for words. Hear this. Know this. Remember this!

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn: 608, "Dear God Who Loves All Mankind" (vs. 1, 2&5)

Giving Back to God

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

– led by Judy Morrison

Loving and ever-present God, we give thanks for the legacy which is ours through your goodness and your grace – this world and all you have created; your love made known to us in many ways.

3.

We thank you for fathers, mothers and others, including those in school and church, who have nurtured and influenced us.

We thank you for the example of Jesus, who embodied the fullness of your love and grace,

and by whose Spirit we are empowered and strengthened for ministry and service.

In our gathering this day, we lift the prayers which we hold for this world in which we live, and for those within our circle of family and community.

Be with those who live in places where violence threatens, where war and destruction cause despair and hopelessness.

Journey with those who are forced to flee their homeland as refugees, with families that endure unwanted separation.

God of abiding compassion, comfort and bless those who are caught in the grip of sorrow, poverty, sickness, addiction, or other need ... Heal them in body, mind, or circumstance, working in their lives, by your grace.

Increase the joy of those who have reason to celebrate the new beginnings of new birth, marriage, or other happy life event. And pour out your Spirit on those named in our prayer book ... *names are read* ...

God of us all, may we never fail to pray for one another in our various needs;

may we listen for the whisper of your guiding and sustaining grace as we move through our lives;

may we always be attentive to your call to build communities in which there is inclusiveness, justice and harmony;

and may we have the wisdom to be as tender and as kind with ourselves and others, as you are with us.

In the strong name of Jesus, we pray, joining together as he taught:

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Offering

4.

*Offertory Choral Response: (#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:

With all that we have, and all that we are, we reach out to you, our God of generosity. We ask that you receive these ordinary gifts, that they may be used to offer extraordinary blessings in our community and world. In our sharing and our giving, may we be reminded that through you, all is possible! Amen.

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination: *Cynthia Duplessie*

Open our hearts, O God, that we might welcome your word of love and abundance, and hearing, follow in your ways and grow strong in faith. Amen.

*Responsive Reading: Psalm 143, page 865

Scriptures:

Exodus 34:1-7 – *Cynthia Duplessie*

Matthew 6:5-15 – *Sally Donald*

Reflection on the Word

*Hymn: #288, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Benediction:

L: Go out into the world reminded of God’s unwavering presence in your life, and the lives of others.

All: May we be reminded of this in the eyes of each person we meet, in the majesty of creation, in the quiet stirring of the spirit, and feel anew the blessing of God’s love manifest in the world.

L: As you go from this place, may God’s love hold you, may God’s light guide you, and may God’s enduring truth set you free!

All: Amen.

*Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Bill & Susie Wilson by Bob & Dorothy Wilson.

Memorials

In loving memory of **Judy Adams**, donations to Local Funds have been received from The United Church Women, Betty MacDiarmid, The Highland Society of N.B., Barry & Bev Campbell, Joyce Potter, Shirley Morrison, Bill & Sally Donald.

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

In loving memory of **Harry Pleadwell**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Gail Arsenault.

In loving memory of **Trevor Dickinson**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Helen & Ed Jones.

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In loving memory of **Joyce Johnston**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Jim & Faye Wilson.

Greeters: July 24th – John & Brenda Jardine/**July 31st** – Service in the Park/**Aug. 7** – Brenda & Dave Hicks/**Aug. 14** – Margaret & Benjamin Glidden/**Aug. 21** – Doris Tozer & Charles Turner/**Aug. 28** – Service in the Park (If raining Jeanne Breau & Marilyn McGerrigle)

Sound System: July 24 – Barry Campbell/**July 31** – Service in Park (Brian Savoy if raining)/**Aug. 7** – Don Bowman/**Aug. 14** – Barry Campbell/**Aug. 21** – Brian Savoy/**Aug. 28** – Service in the Park (If raining Karen Rose)

Power Point: July 24 – Mary Reynolds/July 31st – No Power Point **Aug. 7** – Lynn MacPhee/**Aug. 14** – Juanita Hamilton/**Aug. 21** – Mary Reynolds/**Aug. 28** – Barry Campbell

Offering Counters: July 24 – Judy & Dennis Morrison/**July 31** – Brian Savoy, Barry Campbell/**Aug.7** – Lynn & Marj MacPhee/**Aug. 14** – Juanita Hamilton & Helen Jones/**Aug.21** – Judy & Dennis Morrison/**Aug. 28** – Karen Rose & Marjorie Bosma (Please note **offering counters** on your Sunday are responsible for locking all the doors (Please note: the main doors need the bolt in place and then locked) to the church and ensuring all lights are off.)

Garbage & Recycle: July 24 – Barry Campbell (G)/**July 31** – Brian Adams (R)/**Aug. 7** – Brian Savoy/**Aug. 14** – Don Bowman/**Aug. 14** – Barry Campbell/**Aug. 21** – Brian Savoy/**Aug. 28** – Karen Rose

Lawn Mowing: Week of July 24th – Barry Campbell/**Week of August 5th** – Dennis Morrison

Upcoming Week:

Sunday, July 31st – *Service will be held in Elm Park with Bob Watling leading in music. People are invited to bring a lawn chair and a picnic lunch. Service will be held in the church if it rains.*

Office Hours – Monday, closed; Tuesday, 9 – 1; **Wednesday – Office Closed,** Thursday, 9 -1; Friday, 9 – 3.

During the week if the office is closed and you need Karen you can reach her at 773-7718 home or her cell 626-4162.

Rev. Charlene is covering for Rev. Alice from July 24th till August 8th for any pastoral emergencies you may contact her at 773-5709 (home) or (cell) 624-4315.

People are reminded to bring in non-perishable food items for the Food Bank on the first Sunday of the month.

7.

CGIT Alumni are meeting for their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, July 26th at 11:30 a.m. with a picnic lunch (brown bag) at Middle Island. In case of rain it will be held at the Portage Restaurant.

As some of you might have heard the Minister of Health for New Brunswick is recommending the use of masks in all indoor places again (this as of now is not mandatory). We wanted to give you the congregation a heads up on this issue and wanted you to know that this might have to be looked to start in August again. We will keep you informed of this decision when it is looked at by Church Council.

Yard & Bake Sale/Preserves (which we are looking for donations of) on Saturday, August 20th starting at 8:00 a.m. Anyone in the congregation who wishes to drop items off may do so during office hours. We will be accepting furniture, household items, linens, jewelry, good used books, CD's, DVD's. No clothing, please, except for footwear. Also no large electronics such as TV's and computers. Please don't bring items that are broken or do not work. A canteen will be open selling hot dogs, muffins, tea/coffee, pop, water etc.