

St. Andrew's United Church
188 Wellington Street
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Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

August 14, 2022

"Now though, as I seek to look through the lens of grace, I realize that imperfection is the prerequisite for grace. Light only gets through the cracks"- Thomas Merton

We Gather To Worship

*indicates to stand as you are able

Musical Prelude

*Opening Hymn: VU #661, Come To My Heart

Lighting the Christ Candle: *Wayne Mullin*

L: I will a light a light

All: In the name of the Maker, who lit the world and breathed the breath of life into me.

L: I will light a light.

All: in the Name of the Son, who saved the world and stretched out his hand to me.

L: I will light the light

All: in the Name of the Spirit, who encompasses the world and blessed my soul with yearning.

Greeting and Announcements – *Wayne Mullin*

*Call to Worship: *Adapted from Psalm 111*

L: Praise the Lord!

All: We give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart, in the company of this congregation.

L: Great are the works of the Lord!

All: The Lord works are full of honour and majesty; God's righteousness endures forever.

L: The Lord is gracious and merciful!

All: The Lord is mindful of the covenant made with the people; they are given the heritage of their faith and their nation.

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L: The works of the Lord's hands are faithful, just, and trustworthy!

All: The love of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; the praise of God endures forever.

L: Come, worship the Lord!

*Introit – Now Thank We All Our God

**Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

Gathering Prayer: (seated)

Great and loving God, in the beauty of this summer day may we see our creating spirit inviting us to share the goodness of life. You have given us the gift of Sabbath rest and ask us to notice your goodness all around us, to share in the celebration of your word creating and recreating with each story and in each prayer. Today may we meet you in our shared wisdom and longing for understanding that leads us in the Way of Christ. Keep us from the deluge of distractions that lead us on a wild goose chase when we come seeking you. Surrounded by the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ we now pray as he taught...Our Father.

*Hymn of Praise: VU #409, Morning Has Broken

Affirmation of Faith (seated)

We believe in God –

**whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to**

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live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church for the Glory of God.

Amen. - Iona Abbey Worship

Sung Response: VU # 381, Spirit of Life (Choir)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: *Merle Milson*

God of all things, loving and caring, we come together today to listen for your wisdom on living together in harmony. At any age, making friends can be difficult at times and treating them well sometimes evades us. We ask for your help as we read your Word and listen for your Good News today. Amen

We Hear the Word

*Responsive Psalm: VU# 800, Psalm 84 – *Merle Milson*

Gospel Lesson – Luke 18: 9-14 – *Merle Milson*

Hymn of Praise: VU #626, I Heard the Voice of Jesus

The Message

We Respond To The Word

Offering Invitation

King David and his people rejoiced when the ark of God's presence came into the city and rested among them; in gratitude, they made offerings of well-being to God.

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We the recipients of Gods' rich blessings, make offerings of well-being and thanksgiving in gratitude for all we have received.

Offering Received.

*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:

These are our monetary gifts, O God.

**With them come hours of work our years of service,
and the love of our hearts.**

**Bless them in the work of this congregation and in the
compassion they can offer in the world. Amen.**

Sending Forth

Prayers of the People

*Closing Hymn: VU #266, Amazing Grace

*Commissioning and Benediction:

And now, from the power of that which is deepest within us, calling us by our names that we might live wholly to that which is most important, in the Love of the creating One, in the Friendship of the Risen One, in the energy of the Surrounding One, we leave here to be God's Easter People in all the places life calls us to be.

Choral Blessing: (Tune – VU 581)

Shalom to you now.

Shalom my friends.

May God's full mercies.

Bless you, my friends.

In all your living

And through your loving,

Christ be your Shalom,

Christ be your Shalom.

Musical Postlude

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Memorials

In loving memory of **Maureen Doyle**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Bob & Dorothy Wilson.

In loving memory of **Betty Hoban**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Shirley Morrison.

In loving memory of **Stephen Worrell**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Joyce Forbes.

Greeters: August 14th – Margaret & Benjamin Glidden/ **Aug. 21st**
Doris Tozer & Charles Turner

Sound System: Aug. 14th - Barry Campbell/**Aug.21** – Brian Savoy

Power Point: Aug 14th –Juanita Hamilton/**Aug. 21st** –Mary Reynolds

Offering Counters: Aug. 14 – Juanita Hamilton & Helen Jones **Aug. 21** – Judy & Dennis Morrison
(Please note **offering counters** on your Sunday are responsible for locking all the doors to the church and ensuring all lights are off.)

Garbage & Recycle: Aug. 14 - Barry Campbell (R)/**Aug. 21** – Brian Savoy (G)

Lawn Mowing: Week of Aug. 14th – Barry Campbell/**Week of August 21st** – Brian Savoy

Upcoming:

Sunday, August 21st – We will welcome people from the Highland Society of NB to our worship service. Following the worship service there will be a reception at MacDonald's Farm.

Summer Office Hours – Monday, closed; Tuesday 9-1, Wednesday 9-1; 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.

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Rev. David Allen is covering for any pastoral emergencies and can be reached at 773-9501.

**The Yard and Bake Sale will be happening Saturday, August 20th and we are in need of volunteers to work the sale and also if you have an hour during the week to stop in do some pricing of the items that would be very much appreciated.
Baked items can be dropped off during office hours.**