

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024



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Office Hours: M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## A warm welcome is extended to all.

*The congregation is invited to join in responses printed in **bold**. Stand as you are able.)*

Children are asked to remain with their parents for the service. If you are a parent or caregiver, there is a kitchen and washrooms on the main and upstairs levels, as well as a nursery and diaper changing area upstairs. Please feel free to return to the service at any time. Also, Jacob MacNairn (in the congregation) is available to babysit during the service.

## PRELUDE

*BOURREE*

(J.S. Bach)

## DOXOLOGY (541 VU)

(OLD 100TH) (Thomas Ken, Genevan Psalter)

### **PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

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.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 130)

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Holy One. God, hear our voices!  
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

**If you, O God, should mark iniquities,  
who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.**

We wait for the Divine One; our soul waits,  
and in the Word we hope; our soul waits for the Holy One  
more than those who watch for the morning.

**O creation, hope in the Creator!  
For with the Holy One there is steadfast love,  
and with God there is great power to redeem.  
It is the Creator who will redeem creation  
from all its imperfections.**

**HYMN 691 VU      *THOUGH ANCIENT WALLS***

(KARR) (Words: Walter Farquharson / Music: Ron Klusmeier)

Though ancient walls may still stand proud  
and racial strife be fact,  
though boundaries may be lines of hate,  
proclaim God's saving act!

*Walls that divide are broken down;  
Christ is our unity!  
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;  
Christ is our liberty!*

When vested power stands firm entrenched  
and breaks another's back,  
when waste and want live side by side,  
it's Gospel that we lack. *R*

The truth we seek in varied scheme,  
the life that we pursue,  
unites us in a common quest  
of self and world made new. *R*

The church divided seeks that grace,  
that newness we proclaim,  
a unity of serving love  
that lives praise to God's name. *R*

This broken world seeks lasting health  
and vital unity.  
God's people, by God's Word renewed,  
cast off all slavery. *R*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Dear precious God, be upon us this day in our worship  
and praise. Strengthen our faith in the inclusive and  
loving teachings of Christ and may the Holy Spirit be**

**our guide as we pray and discern our gathering as your church to be the disciples of God's realm in the world today. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for healing, transformation, and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace.

*(time of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)*

**Dear God, the creator of all things based on love.**

**You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation.**

**I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus' me I pray. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF GRACE**

As Jesus taught those were healed from their brokenness through their faith—we also believe, and therefore we also declare in the affirming knowledge that when we turn to God with our shortcomings, we are renewed in God's Love by the grace of Christ. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

We are grateful for the gifts that we receive in our lives. We invite you to participate in this opportunity of generosity to continue the mission of God's Love to the world. We are grateful and thankful.

*Offering boxes are located inside the Sanctuary at the two main entrances.*

## **OFFERTORY 540 VU GRANT US, GOD, THE GRACE**

(STUTT GART) (Words: anonymous / Music: attrib. Christian F. Witt)

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

**We joyfully share our offerings in celebration and gratitude for all we have received, O God.**

**May these gifts, and those given through PAR, online and mail, be used to continue your work wherever they are needed. Amen.**

## **HYMN 567 VU WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME**

(KELVINGROVE) (Words: The Iona Community / Music Scottish traditional)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Read by Roland Gallant

**2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27**

David's lament for Saul and Jonathan.

**Psalms 130, p. 853 VU**

Out of the depths, I cry to God.

(Music: Martin Luther)

*R1 Out of the depths I cry to you,  
my hope is in your promise true.*

Out of the depths have I call to you. O God, hear my cry!

**Let your ears be attentive to my plea for mercy.**

If you should keep account of what is done amiss,

O God, who could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you,**

**therefore we will honour you. R**

I wait for you, God; my soul waits, and in your word is my hope.

**My soul waits for God**

**more than the watchers long for morning,**

**more than the watchers long for morning.**

O Israel, wait in hope, for with God there is love unailing.

**With God is great power to redeem,**

**to redeem you, Israel, from all your sins. R**

**Mark 5:21–43** Young girl raised; hemorrhaging woman healed.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN 570 VU JESUS' HANDS WERE KIND HANDS**

(AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE) (Words: Margaret Cropper / Music: Old French melody)

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,  
washing tired feet and saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you;  
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;  
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

## **SERMON**

## **ANTHEM NOW, ON LAND AND SEA DESCENDING**

(Words: Samuel Longfellow / Music: Dimitri Bortniansky)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **HYMN 288 VU GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

(FAITHFULNESS) (Words: Thomas O. Chisholm / Music: William M. Runyan)

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided --  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. R

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow --  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R

## **BENEDICTION**

Dear Friends as we go out into the world seeking healing  
of all kinds, let us share the faith and hope that we carry in Christ.  
Be the light of peace and healing to a world which seeks it in the  
Name of God who created, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

## **POSTLUDE** GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

Congregation can join in on Verse 4 and last chorus, 422 VU.

(Words: Jeremiah E. Rankin / Music: William G. Tomer)

*During the postlude the congregation is welcome to depart.*

*Healing:* Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost was written by  
Rev. Roberto Ochoa, the Minister for Ethnic Inclusion, & Congregational Support for  
Rural and Small Churches for the National Setting of the United Church of Christ.  
He is a member of Mt. Zion Congregational UCC in Cleveland, OH.

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***You are invited to join us in the Owen Fraser Hall  
for a time of fellowship and refreshments.***




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*The bulletin and pastoral letter are dedicated  
in Loving Memory of  
**Freda Murray**  
by Daughter, Lynn Murray*

# NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Check our website at [www.stjohnsmoncton.ca](http://www.stjohnsmoncton.ca)  
for Sunday online Worship links, calendar, and more.

June 30	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	<b>WORSHIP</b> - Grocery Sunday: last until Sept. 
July 1			
July 1-31			<b>St. John's UC closed for vacations</b>
Aug. 4	Sun.	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b> (note time change) - Worship Leader: Cyril "Cy" Edmonds - Emancipation Sunday
Aug. 12-16	Mon.- Fri.	8:30 am - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Vacation Bible School</b> (see note) 

*Announcements from other United Churches, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region 14 and the community are shown on the TV in the Owen Fraser Hall and also located on the bulletin boards located at the Alma St. entrance and outside the Church Office.*

**SOBEYS & SUPERSTORE GIFT CARDS** are sold each Sunday in the Sanctuary before and after Worship and at the Church Office M-F, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



*We make 4% on every card sold. Your support is needed and appreciated.*

The **UCW** has been given a **GIFT BASKET** to be used as a fund raiser. The basket will be on display in the Owen Fraser Hall during coffee hour and a UCW member will be on hand to sell tickets. The draw for the basket will take place at coffee hour on **June 30**, 2024. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and are available from UCW members. The basket contains a variety of items including two \$25.00 gift cards.



## **GROCERIES FOR KARING KITCHEN**

**(June 30 – last Sunday of the month)**

The Outreach Committee would like to bring your attention to the Karing Kitchen's need for these groceries: cream of chicken soup, cream of celery soup, flakes of ham. *White baskets will be at the main entrance for your donations.* Thank you



# **SJUC CLOSED FOR VACATIONS, JULY 1-31**

This includes Sundays (no Worship), July 7, 14, 21 & 28.



During the month of the July, there will be no in-person or online worship services offered. We recommend that you visit local churches or churches across Canada and the world online.

The church telephone and mail will be checked regularly.

The church office and building re-opens on August 1, 2024.

Summer Sunday Worship will resume on August 4. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. during the month of August and continues until after the Labour Day weekend in September.

For emergency pastoral care during Aaron’s vacation, please listen to the message on the church telephone. Rev. Aaron will be away; however, he will be on call for any requirement for care such as hospitalizations or deaths. If you need to be in touch with him, please contact him directly by text or calling at 506-850-2621. This is only for emergencies

Worship will return to regular start time of 11:00 a.m. on Sept. 8.

Many of our expenses don’t take a vacation during the summer months, so please REMEMBER TO CONTINUE TO MAKE YOUR DONATIONS REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER MONTHS. You may do this through PAR, e-transfer or cheques (may be post-dated) left at the office or drop your donation in the church mail slot. Many thanks to you who do contribute regularly.

## **Local Church’s Summer Worship**

<b>Name</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
Central United	CLOSED June 30	Open Aug 18 at 10:30 am
Hillsborough	Open 10 am	CLOSED
Mountain View	Open 10 am	Open 10 am
Mount Royal	Open 10 :30 am/ Closed July 31	CLOSED until Sept 4
St. John’s	CLOSED	Open 10 am
St. Paul's	No Worship/Special Events	Open Aug 11 at 10 am
Trinity United	CLOSED June 30	CLOSED until Sept 8
Visions United	CLOSED June 30	Open Aug 11 at 10:30
Bethel Riverview	Open 10:30 am	Open 10:30 am



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

\*St. John's United Church's\* Vacation Bible School (VBS) is back! Children from grades 1-6 are invited to join us for a week of morning (August 12-16, 8:30am-noon) fun and community. Registration forms are available at the church main entrances and on the table outside the church office as well as on our church website and Facebook group.



We need adults to volunteer to help each morning; 1-2 per morning. Email the church office at [sjuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:sjuc@nb.aibn.com) to sign up!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR FALL



The Sunday School needs two volunteers to share leadership of our Ages 3-6 group starting in Sept. and continuing until May 2025. If you can help or need more information, speak with Nancy Black or Sonja Webster or email the church office.

## DIME BLITZ



Don't spend a dime this summer - save them for the UCW summer fundraiser. Plastic pill bottles have been placed at the Church entrances for your convenience. Deposit in the offering box on a Sunday morning or drop off in the mail slot located on the Victoria St. entrance door. Thank you for your continued support of UCW projects. Please ensure each container is labelled with your name.



**STEWARDSHIP SECOND** – In an economic system full of sin, we are called to do our best to help redistribute God's abundance so that all can thrive.

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH CARES...** To notify the Minister of personal concerns, anxieties, illnesses, hospitalizations or deaths, or to pass along a prayer request, contact Rev. Aaron Billard at 506-858-8289 or [sjucrev@gmail.com](mailto:sjucrev@gmail.com)

Greeters & Offering

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**Church Council**

Chair: Roland Gallant

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Pastoral Care & Membership: Valerie Roy

UCW: Brenda McFarlane

Worship & Music: Sheri Brooks



*Staff holidays & church/office closure: July 1-31, 2024  
Have a memorable and safe summer!*