

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 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.

PRELUDE

PILGRIMS CHORUS

from the Opera Tannhäuser

(Wagner)

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 (Inspired by Psalms 34 and 130:7)

Give praise to the Holy One at all times and bless their name.

**Hope in the Holy One! For with the Sovereign God,
there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.**

Let God's radiance pour out upon you and make you shine brightly
in the presence of the Most High.

**Hope in the Holy One! For with the Sovereign God,
there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.**

O experience and recognize the goodness of our God with all our senses and be glad in the safety of God.

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HYMN 374 VU *COME AND FIND THE QUIET CENTRE*

(BEACH SPRING) (Words: Shirley Erena Murray / Music: Benjamin Franklin White)

Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Everlasting God, we come before you at this moment in time. We bring the concerns of the day, the burdens of our hearts, gratitude for your presence, and hope for the future. We gather as people in need and with abundance, in despair and with joy, in uncertainty and with confidence. We rest in the assurance that wherever we are on life's journey, you receive us with love, compassion, and acceptance. Embolden us to be as welcoming and hospitable to one another as we gather in your name, to hear your voice, and to give you praise. Amen.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Redeemer, forgive us. We confess to our words and actions that grieve you. We speak words that divide and alienate rather than words that heal and invite dialogue. Help us to move past bitterness, anger, and resentment toward reconciliation, gratitude, and hope. Make us new not only for ourselves. Renew us for life in community with our neighbours, friends, and foes. Guide us in the path of life and love. Forgive and release us from the bonds of guilt and shame so that we can be free to change and grow, free to receive your power and new life, and free to be your agents of transformation in the world. Holy One, in your mercy, hear our plea. Amen.

(time of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)

WORDS OF GRACE

Redeemed, the Holy One hears your cries and responds to your call. New life in Christ awaits you. Receive the redemptive power of the Spirit at work with you and through you to a world that can and will be redeemed and restored in the name of our Blessed God.

OFFERING

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

Holy God, thank you for the gift of generosity. Make us bold stewards of the resources you provide. Increase our offerings, expand our territory, and let our ministry testify to your goodness, nurture, and care for all. Amen.

HYMN 195 MV **LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY (Fill the Cup)**

(Words / Music: Pat Mayberry)

Long ago and far away Jesus lived and worked and prayed
healed the sick and the fearful and lonely
lived his life to show us God's way.

*Stretched his arms out as he said
Fill the cup and share the bread
Remember me in the love and joy and blessing.*

Jesus gathered the children around him
spoke of Love and the joy to be found
told them stories of wisdom and wonder
God's creation is all that's around. *R*

Jesus called all his friends to be with him
share the bread and the cup once again
life to you I will offer it gladly
love will be with you right to the end. *R x2*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 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,

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

**With God is great power to redeem,
to redeem you, Israel, from all your sins. *R***

John 6:35, 41-51

I am the bread of life.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 194 MV *BREAD OF LIFE, FEED MY SOUL*

(Words / Music: Stephen Spencer)

Bread of life, feed my soul,
as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart with the grace and mercy you impart.
I have heard your voice calling, "Come, my friend, and share
in the feast that is laid out for you to show how much I care."
Bread of life, help me live a life as pure and true as Jesus did.
Bread of life, help me see
the boundless love of Christ for you and me.
I have heard your voice calling, "Come, my friend, and share
in the feast that is laid out for you to show how much I care."
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as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart with the grace and mercy you impart.

SERMON

ANTHEM

I BELIEVE

Performed by Bob Hebert and Coleen Whitford

(Words / Music: Lester James Fortune aka Jimmy Fortune.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 626 VU *I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY*

(KINGSFOLD) (Words: Horatius Bonar / Music: English and Irish traditional melody)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

BENEDICTION

May you move forward from this time of worship assured of your redemption and empowered to be agents of redemption.... transforming despair to hope, pain to joy, and endings to beginnings

POSTLUDE

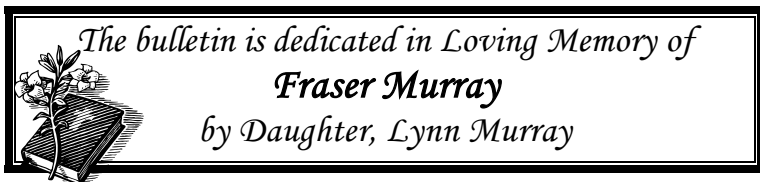
ARIOSO (Thanks Be To God)

(Handel)

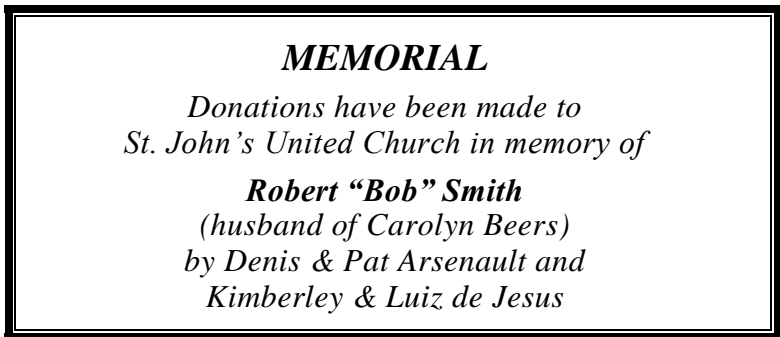
During the postlude the congregation is welcome to depart.

For Redemption: Service Prayers for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Year B was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

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



*The Church extends its deepest sympathies and
condolences to the family and friends of*
Robert "Bob" Smith
(husband of Carolyn Beers)
who died on August 5, 2024



NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Check our website at www.stjohnsmoncton.ca
for Sunday online Worship links, calendar, and more.

Aug. 11	Sun.	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP
Aug. 12	Mon.		office closed
Aug. 12-16			Vacation Bible School - cancelled
Aug. 18	Sun.	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP
Aug. 25	Sun.	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP
Sept. 1	Sun.	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP (last 10am summer service)
Sept. 5	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Choir (weekly-Choir Loft/Fellowship Room)

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.*

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 a hungry generation, we rejoice that God gives us Jesus, the bread of life.

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.

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

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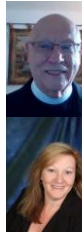
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