



St. John's United Church of The United Church of Canada

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Office Hours: M-F, 9am–1pm

A warm welcome is extended to all.

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.

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

PRELUDE

ARIOSO

(Music: from Sonata de Chiesa; Gordon Young)

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 Psalm 13)

We gather as a people to worship the Holy One
who considers our cries and responds to our conditions.

**We gather even when wearied by the world
because we trust in God's steadfast love.**

Our souls may ask, "How long, Holy One?"

Yet our hearts rejoice in your saving acts.

**We gather even when shaken and sorrowful
because we hope in God's steadfast love.**

We gather to sing to the Holy One
who has been generous with us.

**Our worship and our work testify
to the goodness of the God who prevails.**

Let us worship the God of Life!

HYMN 409 VU

MORNING HAS BROKEN

(BUNESSAN) (Words: Eleanor Farjeon / Music: Gaelic Melody)

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**God who provides, we acknowledge your presence
that invites us to draw near to you.**

**We glorify your name, for you, Holy and
Righteous One, remain faithful to your creation.**

**We open our hearts and minds to remember
the testimonies of the past and to receive
the truth revealed in your word for the present.**

**May you delight in our praise as we honour you and
encourage one another in the journey of faithful living.**

We pray with the words Jesus taught us, saying, “Our Father...Amen.” (960 VU) (A laminated handheld version of The Lord’s Prayer can be found in the hymnbook holder in the pew.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Covenant, in you, we have new life.

In you, we have a faithful companion. Yet, difficult moments confront us with the limits of our trust in you. We struggle to release control so that we might participate fully in your plan without fear, hesitation, or resistance. Help us, O God, to be your faithful service who trust you even through the tests and trials of life. May we know the assurance and peace of your eternal love. Amen.

(moment of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)

WORDS OF GRACE

The Holy One loves you and has made you participants in an everlasting covenant. God will not abandon you in despair or deprivation. Rather, the one who creates also sustains.

There is a ram in the bush, and the Sovereign God will continue to provide. Receive the grace of God.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY (537 VU)

YOUR WORK, O GOD, NEEDS MANY HANDS

(KILMARNOCK) (Words: Calvin Weiss Laufer / Music: Neil Dougall)

Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus’ sake.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Generous God, may the gifts we bring provide for our community and neighbours, just as you provided a ram for Abraham. Bless our time, talent, and treasure for your glory and your kingdom. Amen.

REMAIN SEATED

HYMN 366 VU

LIKE A CHILD

(LIKE A CHILD) (Words / Music: Daniel Charles Damon)

like a child love would send to reveal and to mend
like a child and a friend Jesus comes
like a child we may find claiming heart soul and mind
like a child strong and kind Jesus comes.

like a child we will meet ragged clothes dirty feet
like a child on the street Jesus comes
like a child we once knew coming back into view
like a child born anew Jesus comes.

like a child born to pray and to show us the way
like a child here to stay Jesus comes
like a child we receive all that love can conceive
like a child we believe Jesus comes.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are asked to remain with their parents for the service.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read by Kathy Isaac

Genesis 22:1–14

The sacrifice of Isaac.

Psalms 13, p. 734 VU

How long will you forget me, God?

(Music: Jean Sibelius; arr. *The Hymnal*)

Refrain spoken only, not sung.

R: Be still, my soul, for God is on your side.

How long, O God, will you utterly forget me?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,

and be so grieved in my heart day and night?

How long shall my enemy triumph over me? R

Look at me, and answer me, O God my God;
give light to my eyes, lest I fall asleep in death,
lest my enemies claim to have prevailed against me,
lest my foes rejoice at my downfall.

But my trust is in your mercy.

Let my heart be joyful in your salvation.

I will sing to you, O God,

because you have dealt so lovingly with me.

I will praise your name, O God most high. R

Matthew 10:40–42

Welcoming and offering a cup of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 703 VU *IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER*

(PROMISE) (Words / Music Natalie Sleeth)

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see

SERMON

ANTHEM

UNITED IN CHRIST!

(Words: Nancy Price, Don Besig / Music: Don Besig)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(We pray for Upper Sackville-Anderson Settlement Pastoral Charge)

HYMN 427 VU

TO SHOW BY TOUCH AND WORD

(LODWICK) (Words: Fred Kaan / Music: Ron Klusmeier)

To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you have of old in mind.

Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
we need your guidance and your grace.

Let love from day to day by yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.

BENEDICTION

Be confident that the Holy One will provide
For the promise of God is trustworthy
And the presence of God is enduring
Therefore, show up in the world
With boldness and clarity
That justice and righteousness will prevail
In the name of Holy Love and Everlasting Peace
May it be so for you and through you.

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG POSTLUDE

GO NOW IN PEACE

(Words: Don Besig, Nancy Price / Music: Don Besig)

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE

ALLEGRO MAESTOSO

(Music: G.F. Handel; ed. Jack Schrader)

During the postlude the congregation is welcome to depart.

It Shall Be Provided: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Year A
was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, 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 bulletin and pastoral letter are dedicated
in Loving Memory of
Freda Murray
by Daughter, Lynn Murray*

MEMORIAL

*Donations have been made to
St. John's United Church in memory of
Barbara Bacongallo
(wife of Ben Bacongallo, deceased)
by Margaret & Aubrey Rogers*

***Walter Brown** (husband of Shirley Brown)
by Andrew White & Denise Pettis*

***Seymour Kell** (husband of Grace Kell)
by Brian & Vicky Baxter*

***Margaret "Peggy" Lockhart**
(wife of Leonard "Len" Lockhart)
by Art & Sonja Buck*

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

WORSHIP			
June 28	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	- No Sunday School - Grocery Sunday (see note)



June 29 - July 30			St. John's UC closed for vacations
July 1			
July 31	Fri.	9:00 a.m.	St. John's office re-opens
Aug. 2	Sun.	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP (note time change) - Guest Worship Leader: Jonathan Gibson - Music Director: Lorilee Redmond
Aug. 3	Mon.		Church closed – NB Day
Aug. 3	Mon	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)

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 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.

WELCOME!

We would like to warmly welcome any new faces to our church family today! Please feel free to introduce yourself to a fellow member or reach out to our minister if you have any questions. We invite you to stay after the service for fellowship. Fill in the “welcome” envelope located on the table at our two main entrances and place in the offering box (no money required) or email the church office at stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com to let us know you are worshipping with us.



GROCERY SUNDAY FOR KARING KITCHEN

(June 28 – last Sunday of the month)

The Outreach Committee would like to bring your attention to the Karing Kitchen's need for these groceries: corn starch, soda crackers, honey garlic sauce, flakes of ham and flakes of chicken. *White baskets will be at the main entrance for your donations.* Thank you.



SJUC CLOSED FOR VACATIONS, JUNE 29-JULY 30



This includes Sundays (no Worship),
July 5, 12, 19 & 26.

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 re-opens on July 31, 2025.

Summer Sunday Worship will resume on August 2. 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. 13.

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 e-transfer (stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com), 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.

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.

The fundraiser ends **Sept. 27**, 2026.

Please ensure each container is labelled with your name.

SUMMER SERVICES INFORMATION

Church	July Service Time	August Service Time
Central United	CLOSED & Aug 2 nd & 9 th	Open 10:30AM (Aug 16 th)
Sackville United	Open 10:30 am	Open 10:30 am
Hillsborough	Open 10 am	CLOSED
Mountain View	Open 10 am	Open 10 am
Mount Royal	Open 10:30 am	CLOSED
St. John's	CLOSED	Open & Sept 6 th 10 am
St. Paul's	CLOSED	Open 10 am
Trinity United	CLOSED	CLOSED

STEWARDSHIP SECOND – The gift that seems insignificant to one person can mean the world to another.

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 [sjurev@gmail.com](mailto:sjucrev@gmail.com)

Greeters & Offering

South Door – Alma St
Linda Leighton

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*Staff holidays & church/office closure:
June 29-July 30, 2026
Have a memorable and safe summer!*



Canada flag pins available at our main entrances.



CANADA'S PRAYER

I'm dreaming of Canada tonight
A country where mountains and hopes touch the sky
A country where an ocean of kindness fills all hearts
A country where ideas are a forest of wisdom
Oh God let me wake up in Canada!

I'm dreaming of Canada tonight
A country where compassion is all tall as a douglas fir
A country where understanding is as deep as a great
lake
A country where confidence grows like grain
Oh God let me wake up in Canada!

I'm dreaming of Canada tonight
A country where happiness flows like water of a river
A country where love is a breath of fresh air
A country where space covers the land like snow
Oh God, please let me wake up in Canada, tonight.

Canada's Prayer was written by Chris Robertson. Chris Robertson was the first person in history to travel from the bottom of mainland Canada 6,520 kilometres to the top under their own power. Enroute he challenged over 5 million Canadians to make Canada better by answering the question: "What will you do in your life to make Canada a better country than when you found it?"