

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026



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

SICILIANO

(Music: Robert J. Powell)

ANDANTE

(Music: Robert Lau)

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 33)

Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

The Voice created the heavens and the earth.

Praise God with loud shouts!

Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

Let our voices ring and sing a new song.

Let us turn toward the Creator in awe.

Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

**Happy are the people who seek God's counsel, who
seek God's heart, and who seek God's kingdom.**

Rejoice in the Holy One!

HYMN 245 VU

(PRAISE THE LORD) (Words/Music: Natalie Sleeth)

PRAISE THE LORD WITH THE SOUND OF TRUMPET

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

101st ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH UNION PRAYER

(Catherine MacLean, 2008. © The United Church of Canada)

**God in whom we live and move and have our being:
From sea to sea to sea we gather in prayer;
from generation to generation we sing;
on this anniversary we give thanks
for your care, guidance, and correction.
In this heritage of trust
we pray for this United Church
and for faithful living on this land,
Our Source of Life, Living Word, and Bonding Love.**

**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

**Holy One, through the Prophet Hosea, you declared,
“I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”
We confess that, at times, we offer the ritual and
routine of religious practices rather than a discerning
heart that breaks with compassion and beats for
justice. Strengthen us to the tenderness of knowing
you, O God, more deeply, loving our neighbours more
justly, and embracing our lives more fully.**

(moment of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)

WORDS OF GRACE

Community of Faith, rest assured that renewal and revival is possible and available to us. Let us embrace our rituals to sing even old songs as if they are new, pray routine prayers as if they have been written in our hearts, and join in worship as if this were the first or last time. The Holy One makes all things new, and that may be so in us this day and every day.

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

**Holy One, as we worship you through our giving,
we dedicate these gifts to the work of your kingdom
come and our hope that your will be done
in our community and world. Amen.**

REMAIN SEATED

HYMN 359 VU

HE CAME SINGING LOVE

(SINGING LOVE) (Words / Music: Colin Gibson)

He came singing love and he lived singing love;
he died, singing love
He arose in silence.

For the love to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith and he lived singing faith;
he died, singing faith.
He arose in silence.

For the faith to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;
he died, singing hope.
He arose in silence.

For the hope to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read by Jacob MacNair

Genesis 12:1–9

Call of Abraham.

Psalms 33, p. 760 VU

Sing a new song to God.

(Melody from A. Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems)

R: A new song to our God proclaim, from age to age rejoice!

Shout to God for joy, you righteous!

Praise is fitting from loyal hearts.

Give thanks to God with the harp;

sing praise to God with the ten-stringed lute,

Sing a new song to God; play skillfully and with shouts of joy.

For the word of God is true; God's every deed is faithful. R

You love what is right and just;

the earth is full of your constant love.

By your word the heavens were made,

the countless stars by the breath of your mouth.

You gathered the waters of the sea as in a goatskin;

you stored the deep in cisterns.

Let all the earth fear you, O God,

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe.

For you spoke and it came to be;

you commanded and it stood firm.

You foil the plans of the nations,

and frustrate the schemes of the peoples.

Your counsel, O God, shall stand forever

the purposes of your heart through all generations.

Happy the nation who has you as God.

Happy the people you choose as your own.

Our heart rejoices in you, O God,

because our hope is in your holy name.

Let your steadfast love be upon us

as we put our trust in you. R

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Call of Matthew; girl restored to life; woman healed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 138 MV MY LOVE COLOURS OUTSIDE THE LINES

(Words / Music: Gordon Light; arr. Andrew Donaldson)

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

*We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared
to die and realize there are worlds outside the lines.*

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines. *R*

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries,
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines. *R*

SERMON

ANTHEM LORD, LIFT ME UP!

(Words: Johnson Oatman, Jr. / Music: Mary McDonald)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(We pray for Blackville Pastoral Charge)

HYMN 145 MV DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE

(Words / Music: Gordon Light; arr. Michael Bloss)

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone.
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms *R*

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. *R*

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. *R*

BENEDICTION

As you go from this gathering,
Find hope in the journey
Cultivate joy in the journey
Give love in the journey
Share peace in the journey
And trust that the God of the journey
Will be with you now and always

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 *PRELUDE ON "HYFRYDOL"*

(Music: Healey Willan; hymn tune Rawland Hugh Prichard)

During the postlude the congregation is welcome to depart.

Journeyed on by Stages: Service Prayers for the Second 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.**

*Cake to celebrate Deborah's first birthday
from Sharon & Robins Christian*



*The bulletin and pastoral letter are dedicated
in Loving Memory of
Diana and Chris Mannion
by Valerie Roy*

MEMORIAL

*A donation has been made to
St. John's United Church in memory of
Seymour Kell (husband of Grace Kell)
by Claire MacNevin*

*The Church extends its deepest
sympathies and condolences to the
family and friends of
Paula Cameron
(wife of Ken Cameron)
who died on June 2, 2026
and also to the
family and friends of
Barbara Bacongallo
(wife of Ben Bacongallo, deceased)
who died on June 4, 2026*



Honour Graduate

Eleanor Anne Patterson – Mount Allison University
(daughter of Nancy Black and John Patterson)

Eleanor graduated with a Major in Biology and a Minor in Political
Science with distinction on May 11, 2026.

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

June 7	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP - Union Sunday - No Sunday School	
June 8	Mon	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)	
June 9	Tues.	4:00 p.m.	Friendship Group potluck supper Please consider joining us for a bit of fun, conversation and great food! For additional details, see Kathy Isaac in the choir, or email the church office. (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)	
June 10	Wed.		101 st Anniversary of The United Church of Canada	
June 11	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Choir (weekly-Choir Loft)	
June 12	Fri.	10:30 a.m.	Worship with the Rev. Aaron Billard at Royal Court Chapel , 6 th Floor, Coverdale Rd., Riverview If you are a resident there, we ask you to help us spread the word to members of the congregation who live there.	
June 13	Sat.	1:30 p.m.	Recital, 2:00pm – Alison Dawn Voice & Music (Sanctuary)	
June 14	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP - No Sunday School	
June 14	Sun.	2:30 p.m.	Worship with the Rev. Aaron Billard at Peoples Park Tower Chapel , 960 St. George Blvd., Moncton. If you are a resident there, we ask you to help us spread the word to members of the congregation who live there.	
June 21	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP - Baptism - No Sunday School	
June 21	Sun.	1:00 p.m.	Piano Concert, 1:30-3:30 p.m. – Do-Re-Mi Music School (Sanctuary)	

June 23	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Finance & Property Management Committee (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
June 25	Thur.	6:00 p.m.	NB ACORN (Owen Fraser Hall)
June 28	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP - No Sunday School - Grocery Sunday (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.

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.



THE "BAKELESS BAKE SALE" has become an annual event of the St. John’s UCW. This is a very popular and highly successful project. Our little rhyme explains how it works, and we hope you will give it your support.



We appreciate any amount you may wish to donate. Please have all donations in by the **end of June**. Envelopes are located at the church entrance. If you use SJUC box offering envelopes, an envelope is in your box. If you use PAR, an envelope is in your PAR envelope packet. Place your donation in the offering box on a Sunday morning, mail, drop off in the mail slot or use e-transfer.

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.

CHURCH DONATION

At St. John's we do not "pass the plate" as is done in some traditional churches. Donations are collected in an offering box near the entrance to the sanctuary.

You may donate to the church in a variety of ways:

- PAR (pre-authorized remittance) – application form available on our website and pamphlet/form located at church entrances and outside church office; PAR cards are available to put in the offering box
- e-transfer (use stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com - no password needed)
- box offering envelopes – contact church office
- Canada Helps - online
- cash or cheque - identified with giver's name with middle initial/address (for income tax purposes).
- mail to 75 Alma St., Moncton, NB E1C 4Y3
- drop off your donation in the mail slot on our Victoria St. door

Blank offering envelopes are located at both church entrances for donation purposes. Write your name and address to identify your donation in order for an official receipt to be prepared for income tax purposes. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

UNUSED OFFERING ENVELOPES - If you have any unused offering envelopes, please feel free to return them to the church. We recycle them as general purpose envelopes.

HYMNBOOK – Having a hard time holding the hymnbook? Do you find the hymnbook too heavy? We can print the “online” worship bulletin (with hymns typed out) for you. Contact the office if you would like an online bulletin available for you on Sunday.

KEEP YOUR VALUABLES WITH YOU - If you don't keep your coat with you during Worship, please ensure you do not leave keys, phones, or any valuables in your pockets. Please keep all valuables with you. Do not leave any electronics unattended.

HEARING LOOP - The church offers a hearing loop system for anyone who would like to enhance their listening experience during the Sunday morning service. Please feel free to speak to Kimberley Buck de Jesus on the sound board on Sunday morning

ILLNESS SELF-ASSESSMENT

To ensure the continued safety of our families and communities, any person attending an in-person Church activity should complete an Illness Self-Assessment. This list has been aligned with current public health recommendations. People who feel unwell, or answer 'Yes' to any of the below symptoms, should stay home.

- Fever/Chills
- Cough (unrelated to seasonal allergies)
- Difficulty breathing/Shortness of breath
- Runny nose (unrelated to seasonal allergies)
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat/Difficulty swallowing
- Not feeling well, headache, muscle aches, or unexplained rashes
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain



If you answered YES to any of the above symptoms:
Please self-isolate and DO NOT come to the Church until:

- 1) the symptoms are resolved, and
- 2) you are feeling well.

FRAGRANCE FREE AND TREE NUT / PEANUT FREE ENVIRONMENT -St. John's United Church realizes an increasing number of people have developed sensitivities and allergies to certain chemicals and foods. It is our mission to limit the exposure of staff, volunteers and visitors to chemical substances and tree nut/peanut products. Our church supports the creation of a fragrance and tree nut/peanut free environment. We would ask that you **please refrain from using, wearing, bringing scented products (for example, perfume)** and tree nut/peanut products, into St. John's United Church. Only our 100% cooperation will give those with sensitivities and allergies a healthier place to work, volunteer and worship. Thank you.

HEALTH & SAFETY - We have a wheelchair here at St. John's and it is located on a permanent basis in the unused entrance way at the back of the Sanctuary (corner of Alma and Victoria Streets). We also have an AED - automated external defibrillator. It is wall mounted and located right outside the Church Office.

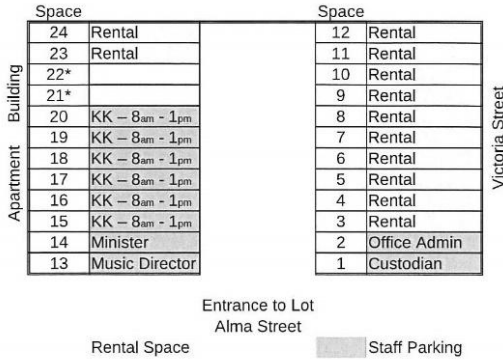
LIBRARY – Did you know that we have a library of books for you to enjoy? They are located in the hutch cabinet in the Fellowship Room. There is no sign-out for these; they are loaned to you on the honour system that you will return the books when you've finished reading them.

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE – A copy of the most recent issue can be found on a table in the Owen Fraser Hall just outside the church office. This is there for your enjoyment, but please don't remove it from the premises so that others can enjoy it as well.

CHURCH PARKING LOT

As a reminder, the church rents out 12 parking spots in the parking lot, Monday-Friday, 7:00am-6:00pm. These spots are not available for church use during this period. Other spots are designated for staff as shown in the chart below. Should you need a parking spot while visiting the church, there are two spaces available for church use - spaces 21 & 22, as per the chart below:

St. John's United Church
Parking Lot – Rentals



* During the winter these spots may be occupied by renters #12 & #24

If you are a church member and wish to take advantage of evening parking in the church parking lot, please let the office know in advance, by providing the make, model and license number of your vehicle. You are more than welcome to use the lot. However, due to issues with illegal parking, unknown vehicles may be at risk of being towed and we would not want it to be your vehicle.

WORSHIP SERVICES are streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Links are on our church website at www.stjohnsmoncton.ca

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES - The Pastoral Care & Membership Committee sends **birthday** greetings to all those within our congregation who are 85 and 90 years old, then annually. **Wedding anniversary** cards are sent out to those celebrating 50, 60, and every year thereafter. If you have not received a card, please advise the church office so we can update our records.

PASTORAL LETTER AND BULLETIN – Stay up-to-date on all the happenings at SJUC with Rev. Billard’s weekly pastoral letter and online bulletin. They are posted on Facebook, the church website and emailed to those who have signed up to receive by email. If you wish to receive the pastoral letter and bulletin by email, contact the church office to be added to our email list. Printed copies of recent Worship bulletins and pastoral letters are located at our main entrances.

SERMON - Printed copies of Rev. Billard's recent sermons are located at our main entrances. Sermons are also emailed to those who have signed up to receive by email. If you wish to receive sermons by email, contact the church office to be added to the sermon email list.

ADVISE THE CHURCH OFFICE at stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com or 506-858-8289, if your email, mailing address, residence or telephone number changes. Also, advise us of your birthday and anniversary dates.

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:
Moncton City & George Dumont Hospitals**

Please note: privacy legislation does not permit the Chaplain (or other Ministry Personnel) to randomly visit with persons who are in hospital. Ministry Personnel need your invitation/permission, or the permission/request of a family member. Request at time of hospital admittance or contact the hospital admitting office.

STEWARDSHIP SECOND – When we empty ourselves, we create a space for God's love to fill. What do you need to give away?

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

<u>Greeters & Offering</u>	
<i>South Door – Alma St</i> Claire MacNevin	<i>North Door – Victoria St.</i> Lillian MacMellon



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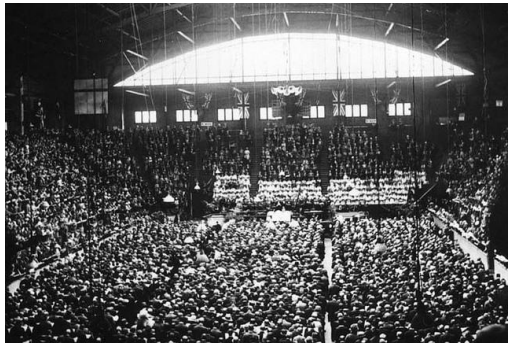
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June 10, 2026
101st Anniversary of Church Union



Pride Month, June 1-20, 2026