

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

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Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 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.)*

PRELUDE

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DOXOLOGY (541 VU) **PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW** (OLD 100TH)

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 (Based on Psalm 23 and 1 John 3:16-24)

Day by day, God leads us:

to the deep, deep pools of peace,

to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

to pour out ourselves in service,

to anoint the stranger with hope.

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

HYMN 410 VU

THE DAY GOD GIVES US

(BUNESSAN)

This day God gives me strength of high heaven,
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,
depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.

This day God sends me strength to sustain me,
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,
your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven, drive from me always
all that would harm me, stand by me still.
Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,
King of creation, giver of rest,
firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

God of justice, peace and righteousness

come into our midst this day

Breathe your breath,

your Spirit of prophecy,

your energy,

your enlivening,

your imagination on us.

Wake us up

Open our eyes

Unplug our ears

That we might hear

That we might see

That we might grieve

That we might dream

That we might follow the ways of your extraordinary kingdom

Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of surprises,

we know that we do not often perceive the world as you do.

We look to the flashy fame, the grand gestures,

optimal achievements, and unreachable standards.

Yet, in spite of our misguided reach towards perfection,

you give us glimpses of your grandeur and grace.

Surprise us yet again this day, O God, that in our complacency which allows us to drift towards the same old ways of faith that we may be transformed anew.

Help us to see the cup that overflows with your abundance so that we may set out into your world to bless others.

In the name of the One whose love and peace make all things new we pray. Amen.

Moment of silence

WORDS OF PARDON

Friends, receive the Good News of God's tender love and forgiveness this day. God's care and compassion for you abides in your heart today and always.

We are restored and renewed. Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY (642 VU)

BE THOU MY VISION

(SLANE)

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Generous God, you remind us that you “anoint our heads with oil” and that our “cup overflows” with your abundance.

We do not take for granted all that you provide.

Take these gifts and use them

for the healing and tender care of your hurting world.

May your cup of love overflow and abide

with the hurting and heartbroken, forgotten and despised, so that we may all be made whole. Amen.

HYMN 161 MV

I HAVE CALLED YOU BY YOUR NAME

(KELLY)

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children up to age 12 yrs. are now invited to go to our Sunday School program time. If you are a child here for the first time, please feel welcome to join the children's group upstairs, or remain here for the rest of 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 diaper changing area upstairs. Please feel free to return to the service at any time.

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Read by Pat Tippet)

Ephesians 5:8–14

Live as children of the light.

Psalms 23 (p. 749)

God is my shepherd.

R My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want..

God is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall lack.

You, God, make me lie down in green pastures,
you lead me beside peaceful waters;
you revive my spirit,

you guide me in right pathways for your name's sake. R

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you are with me,
your rod and your staff are my comfort.

You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in God's house my whole life long. R

John 9:1–41

Jesus heals the man born blind.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN p. 747 VU

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

(CRIMOND)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou has furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

SERMON

ANTHEM

I TRUST IN THE LORD

Joseph M Martin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 556 VU

WOULD YOU BLESS OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES

(AITKIN)

Would you bless our homes and families, Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension each us love that conquers fear.

Help us learn to love each other with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles, love's expressed in many ways.

When our way is undemanding, let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures, sharing joys in gentle hours.

When our way is anxious walking and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another and in you, our gracious God.

From the homes in which we're nurtured with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer, may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families be alive to praise your name.
Let us reach beyond the boundaries of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles, love's expressed in many ways.

COMMISSIONING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

p. 918 VU, A NEW CREED

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God,

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PARTITA NO. 5 IN G MAJOR

Bach

We thank Isaac Stepaniak for leading our music this morning.

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



*For those attending the annual meeting,
please grab a refreshment and join us
immediately after the service in the
Sanctuary for the Annual Meeting.*



The bulletin and pastoral letter are dedicated in Loving Memory of

Olga Jensen

by Fred, Kai and Sonja

IN HONOUR

A donation has been made to St. John's United Church in honour of:

the Rev. Dr. Douglas I. MacEachern's 90th Birthday on Feb. 28

by Art & Sonja Buck

CONFIRMATION & TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

The Pastoral Care & Membership Committee, as part of its mandate, is to seek those congregants who wish to be confirmed or transfer their church membership to St. John's. If you are interested in being confirmed and becoming a member of St. John's United Church or transferring your church membership, phone or email Rev. Billard or Karen at the Church Office (506-858-8289 or sjuc@nb.aibn.com). We will be receiving new members on **Easter Sunday, April 9.**

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

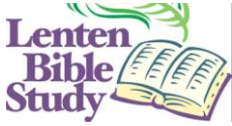
Check our website at www.stjohnsmoncton.ca for on-line Worship, calendar, and more.

Mar. 19	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School – in-person and online - 4 th Sunday in Lent - Music Director: Isaac Stepaniak	
Mar. 19	Sun.	12:00 p.m.	SJUC Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)	
Mar. 21	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Finance & Property Management Committee (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)	
Mar. 22	Wed.	7:00 p.m.	CD Committee (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)	
Mar. 22	Wed.	9am-1pm	Church office open (weekly)	
Mar. 23	Thurs.	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study (see note)	
Feb. 23	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Social Hall)	
Mar. 23	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Choir (weekly-Choir Loft/Fellowship Room)	
Mar. 24	Fri.	9am-1pm	Church office open (weekly)	
Mar. 26	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School – in-person and online - 5 th Sunday in Lent - Music Director: Isaac Stepaniak - Grocery Sunday (see note)	
Mar. 26	Sun.	2:30 p.m.	Worship at Kenneth E. Spencer Memorial Home Chapel , 35 Atlantic Baptist Ave., Moncton, with the Rev. Aaron Billard.	
Mar. 27	Mon.		Deadline to order Broadview subscriptions (see note)	
Mar. 27	Mon.	2:00 p.m.	UCW (monthly-Fellowship Room)	
Apr. 3	Mon.		Deadline to order Easter Memorials (form at entrances)	
Apr. 13-14	Thurs & Fri.		Silent Auction & Dessert Extravaganza	
Apr. 22	Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Women's Retreat (see poster on bulletin board)	

Announcements from other United Churches, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region and the community are located on the bulletin boards located at the Alma St. entrance and outside the Church Office.

SOBEYS & SUPERSTORE GIFT CARDS are once again available and will be sold each Sunday in the Sanctuary before and after Worship and at the Church Office on Wednesdays and Fridays between 9:00: a.m.-1:00 p.m.

We make 4% on every card sold. ~ Your support is needed & appreciated.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY will be held each Thursdays at 12 noon on **Mar. 23 & 30**. All you will need is a Bible or the website www.biblegateway.com. **Register** with the Church office by email sjuc@nb.sjuc.com or call 858-8289.

Metered street parking is advisable, as **ONLY** two spots are currently available in the lot during the Bible study. These are the Reserved Music Director spot and the Reserved Office spot. All others are currently in use - whether vacant or not.

Parking is also available courtesy of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church. The Church requests that vehicles park closest to the Queen St. side of the lot.

Coffee and tea will be provided. Use the Victoria St. entrance.

All are welcome!

GROCERIES FOR KARING KITCHEN (Mar. 26; last Sunday of each month)

We are starting up grocery Sunday again! The Outreach Committee would like to bring your attention to the Karing Kitchen's need for these groceries: small empty containers, alfredo sauce, soya sauce, garlic sauce, dish soap.

White baskets will be at the main entrance for your donations. Thank you.



BROADVIEW MAGAZINE - Now is the time to **ORDER OR RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**. *Broadview* is an independent Canadian magazine featuring award-winning coverage of spirituality, justice and ethical living. Through compelling stories and engaging images, *Broadview* challenges and inspires readers seeking to live a purpose-filled life.

To order or renew your subscription, place \$25.00 payment in an envelope with your name and address in the church offering box, church mail slot, send an e-transfer, send by postal mail or contact the Church Office. Deadline is **March 27, 2022**.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES are located at each of the church entrances. If you use SJUC box offering envelopes, an Easter envelope is in your box. If you use PAR, an Easter envelope is in your PAR envelope packet.

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.

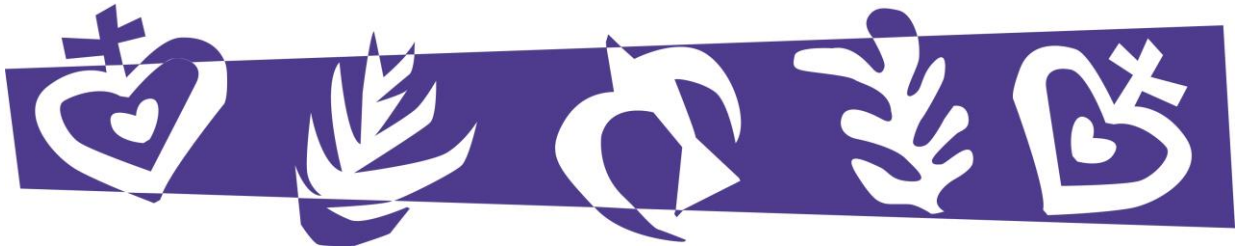
*A lot of news we have to-day
A Bakeless Bake Sale is on the way.
In these busy days, who wants to bake
Pies and cookies - or even a cake?
You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
Of materials, heat and time you have lost.
Cooking for a sale is extra work
Yet nobody really wishes to shirk.
So we've thought of a plan that's really grand
And feel quite sure you will understand.
In this little envelope - just for our sake -
Please place the donation that you wish to make
Without fuss or bother, you've done your part
We're sure you'll give with a willing heart.
This is the end of our little tale -
Please wish us success with our Bakeless Bake Sale.*



STEWARDSHIP SECOND

Use generosity and gratitude to bring light, truth, and wholeness.

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 858-8289 or sjucrev@gmail.com



CHURCH MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND STAFF



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*Easter Memorial
Flowers*

MEMORIAL DEDICATION FORM

Easter plants will be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you wish help us with our plant order, you may make a memorial in memory of a loved one; below are ways to reach us:

- complete this form with payment and place in the offering box
- complete this form with payment and drop off in the mail slot on the Victoria St. church entrance
- complete this form with payment and mail to the church at 75 Alma St., Moncton, NB E1C 4Y3
- complete this form or provide the same details in an email to the office at sjuc@nb.aibn.com and pay by either an e-transfer, mail a cheque or drop off a cheque/cash in the church mail slot on the Victoria St. door

The cost is \$15.00 each.(tax receiptable). The deadline to have your order form and payment to the Church Office is Monday, **Apr. 3**. All memorials will be listed in the pastoral letter on Apr. 7 and bulletin on Apr. 9.

The Easter plants will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday and then will be delivered to our shut-ins (those on our church pastoral care shut-in list) after the service.

(Any extra proceeds go to the Chancel Fund to help cover costs associated with the Sanctuary.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Quantity: _____

In Memory of: _____

Dedicated by: _____