



**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.**

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.

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

## **PRELUDE**

### **AMAZING GRACE**

(Music: *Virginia Harmony*; setting by John Carter)

## **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 104)

How manifold are the works of the Holy One! In wisdom,  
God has made them all; the earth is full of God's creatures.

**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the Creator rejoice in God's works!**

One: How beautiful are the works of the Holy One! In love,  
God has formed them all; the earth is full of God's beloved.

**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praise to our God while I have being.**

How wonderful are the works of the Holy One! In peace and hope,  
God has renewed them all; the earth is full of God's redeemed.

**May our meditation be pleasing to Spirit,**

**Rejoice in the Holy One!**

**HYMN 196 VU WIND WHO MAKES ALL WINDS THAT BLOW**

(ABERYSTWYTH) (Words: Thomas J. Troeger / Music: Joseph Parry)

Wind who makes all winds that blow,  
gusts that bend the saplings low,  
gales that heave the sea in waves,  
stirrings in the mind's deep caves,  
aim your breath with steady power  
on your church this day, this hour.  
Raise, renew the life we've lost,  
Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn,  
suns around which planets turn,  
beacons marking reefs and shoals,  
shining truth to guide our souls,  
come to us as once you came:  
burst in tongues of sacred flame!  
Light and Power, Might and Strength,  
fill your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame,  
move within our mortal frame.  
Make our hearts an altar pyre,  
kindle them with your own fire.  
Breathe and blow upon that blaze  
till our lives, our deeds and ways,  
speak that tongue which every land  
by your grace shall understand.

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**Living Water, quench our thirst. Fill us from the wellspring of your love. Refresh us in the unending flow of your grace. Immerse us in the vastness of your kingdom like drops in the ocean. We live in awe of your majesty and in humility at your presence among us. Revive us again as on the Day of Pentecost and drench your church in resurrection power.**

**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**

**Spirit of the Living God, draw us together into the place where your Spirit awaits us. Guide us in your direction so that as we gather, we experience the unity that comes from shared hope and mutual understanding. Fill us with more questions than answers and open our minds to visions and dreams of a world transformed in your love and peace and infused with your hope and joy. For your name and glory, we pray for new life in you. Amen.**

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

## **WORDS OF GRACE**

Body of Christ, the Spirit is with us as Comforter, Counselor, and Conscience. The Holy One will continue to demonstrate the way and amaze us with deeds of power and grace, strength and mercy, might and compassion. Receive the gift of new possibilities, unity in Christ, and transformation for the world through witness, justice, and love.

## **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

**Spirit, receive these gifts for the mutual flourishing of  
all the creatures of earth and the benefit of your  
kingdom. Sustain us as caretakers, prosper our work,  
and stir the gifts in us. Amen.**

REMAIN SEATED

## HYMN 380 VU **SHE COMES SAILING ON THE WIND**

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

*She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun;  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out through the night,  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.*

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,  
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.

And from the heart of God the Spirit moved up on the earth,  
like a mother breathing life into her child. (to Verse 2)

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight  
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.

Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,  
and then down the ages still she flew on. *R*

To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,  
a whisper softly calling in the dark,  
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,  
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart. *R*

Flying to the river, she waited circling high  
above the child now grown so full of grace.

As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,  
and she carried him away in her embrace.

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,  
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,  
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,  
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. *R*

## 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.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read by Chris McQueen

**Acts 2:1–21**

The Holy Spirit comes in wind and flame.

**Psalms 104, Part Two, Refrain 1, p. 826-827 VU**

God's spirit brings life and renewal. (Stralsund Gesangbuch)

*R1: Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.*

Part Two (24-35)

O God, how manifold are your works!

**With Wisdom at your side you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures. *R***

There lies the great and mighty Sea,  
teeming with living things both great and small.

**Upon it sail the ships, and there is Leviathan,  
the monster you made to play in it.**

All these look to you, to give them their food in due season.

**What you give them they gather up.**

**When you open your hand, you fill them with good things.**

But when you hide your face they despair.

When you take away their breath, they die, and return to dust.

**But when you send out your spirit, they live again,  
and you renew the face of the earth. *R***

May your glory, O God, endure forever.

**May you rejoice, O God, in your works.**

When you look at the earth it trembles,

**when you touch the mountains they smoke.**

I will sing to God as long as I live.

**I will praise my God while I have being. *R***

**1 Corinthians 12:3b–13**

One spirit, many gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 205 VU    *LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG***

(BRIDEGROOM) (Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. / Music: Peter Cutts)

Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigour of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the church in faith assembled,  
to our midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

**SERMON**

**DUET            *WALK, WHILE YOU HAVE THE LIGHT***

Roland Gallant and Kathy Isaac

(Words / Music: Hank Beebe)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(We pray for Hampton Pastoral Charge)

**HYMN 209 VU            *FIRE OF GOD, UNDYING FLAME***

(BRIDEGROOM) (Words: Albert Frederick Bayly. / Music: Johann Walther's Gesangbüchlin)

Fire of God, undying flame,  
Spirit who in splendour came,  
let your heat my soul refine,  
till it glows with love divine.

Breath of God, that swept in power  
in the pentecostal hour,  
holy breath, be now in me  
source of vital energy.

Strength of God, your might within  
conquers sorrow, pain and sin:  
fortify from evil's art  
all the gateways of my heart.

Truth of God, your piercing rays  
penetrate my secret ways.  
May the light that shames my sin  
guide me holier paths to win.

Love of God, your grace profound  
knows not either age or bound:  
come, my heart's own guest to be,  
dwell for evermore in me.

## **BENEDICTION**

Having been quenched and ignited by Spirit  
And united in the waters of the baptized life  
Let us go from this gathering as members of the Body of Christ—  
Together even when distant  
Understanding and understood across difference  
Resolved beyond fear and empowered by the Spirit  
Joyful in amazement and in mystery  
Visioning, prophesying, dreaming  
As on the Day of Pentecost

## **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**

### ***TRUMPET TUNE IN C MAJOR***

(Music: David N. Johnson)

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

**Who Is Thirsty: Service Prayers for the Day of Pentecost Year A** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

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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  
**George Ramsay**  
by Adeline Ramsay and Family*

### **MEMORIAL**





*Donations have been made to  
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**Walter Brown** (husband of Shirley Brown)  
by Pat & Denis Arsenault, Carol & Eric Davidson,  
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## NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

May 24	Sun.	 11:00 a.m.	<b>WORSHIP</b> and <b>Sunday School</b> - Pentecost Sunday
May 24	Sun.	12:20 p.m.	<b>M&amp;P Committee</b> (Church office)
May 25	Mon	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)
May 26	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	<b>Church Council</b> (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
May 27	Wed.	1:00 p.m.	Private Event (Fellowship Room)
May 27	Wed.	6:15 p.m.	Sparks, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)
May 27	Wed.	7:00 p.m.	<b>WinGS</b> - Cheryl Tower McCrea will share her story of making fidget quilts for nursing home residents or those with ADHD. (Norman Sinclair Room)
May 28	Thur.	6:00 p.m.	NB ACORN (Owen Fraser Hall)
May 28	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	<b>Choir</b> (weekly-Choir Loft)
May 28	Thur.	7:15 p.m.	Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Social Hall)
May 31	Sun.	11:00 a.m.  SUNDAY SCHOOL	<b>WORSHIP</b> and <b>Sunday School</b> - Trinity Sunday - Communion - Sunday School presentations/closing - Honour graduates (see note) - Scholarship presentations (see note) - Grocery Sunday (see note)
June 7	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	<b>WORSHIP</b> - Union Sunday - No Sunday School 
June 9	Tues.	4:00 p.m.	<b>Friendship Group potluck supper</b> 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) 

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](mailto:stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com) to let us know you are worshipping with us.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are available to students who have been active, and are currently participating, within the congregational life of St. John’s UC.



Applications are available on the church website and Facebook group, at the church office or by contacting the church office.

Applications are to be returned by **May 24, 2026** to the church by: email, dropping the submission into the mail slot in the door or by bringing it along with you on Sunday morning.

Henrietta Potter Scholarship is available to students currently in high school and pursuing first-year studies at a post-secondary educational institution in the upcoming year.

Robb Scholarship is awarded to children to further his/her studies in music.

Charles E. Woodrow Memorial Music Scholarship is available to students currently in high school and pursuing first-year music studies at a post-secondary educational institution in the upcoming year.

## GRADUATES OF ST. JOHN'S

On **May 31**, we will be honouring graduates. If you are or anyone in your family or anyone you know from the congregation is graduating from high school, vocational, school, college, university, or any other programs that should be recognized, please advise the church office, Valerie Roy or Rev. Billard so that we can acknowledge them. Thank you!

## CAMP TA-WA-SI SUPPLIES DRIVE!

We are supporting Camp Ta-Wa-Si this spring. Each Sunday **until May 31** you are invited to bring items to place in the white baskets as you come into the church.



*United Church of Canada camps offer a variety of experience for people of all ages, focusing on faith formation, leadership development, and outdoor adventures.*

Items the camp can definitely use: glowsticks, craft supplies, life jackets (youth sizes), goggles and snorkels, pool noodles, wall plug night lights, bedside clocks, batteries (AA/AAA)

Office supplies such as: clipboards, sharpies, tape (all kinds), children's books, sidewalk chalk, camping chairs, reusable water bottles

Cleaning supplies of all kinds but specifically: disinfectant spray, dish soap, toilet bowl cleaner, bleach, hand soap, brooms and dustpans

Small furniture such as: side tables/lamps/comfy chairs etc.

Furniture: we're hoping to get a side table and lamp in each cabin as a lot of young campers complain about it being so dark and struggle when getting up in the middle of the night!

Anything else you think would be helpful, even if a bit more out of the box. Lastly, please note that we have a surplus of toiletry and hygiene items from last year's supplies drive, so those are on the "do not need" list for this year.

## GROCERY SUNDAY FOR KARING KITCHEN

(May 31 – 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 celery soup, soda crackers, honey garlic sauce, flakes of ham and sugar. *White baskets will be at the main entrance for your donations.* Thank you.



## MAY IS PAR MONTH

It's May – be sure to PARTicipate in PAR month! Discover the power of PAR. From local programs to global efforts, PAR amplifies voices and makes a lasting difference. Hop on board for PAR month!



PAR is pre-authorized remittance – a system of having a predetermined amount that you choose taken from your bank account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month. It saves you the hassle of trying to fill envelopes, helps you budget and supports the Church on a consistent basis. There is no fee to you.

Pamphlets are located outside the Church Office and on our website. Fill in the application information, attach a void cheque (credit card may also be used) and drop off at the Church Office.

For those of you already using PAR, thank you, and maybe now is the time to make an increase in your giving.

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP SECOND** – And here God does it again!  
Fire and wind and the gift of the Holy Spirit upon us!  
What radical generosity is this?

**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)

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