

# ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

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Office Hours: M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**WELCOME! A warm welcome is extended to all.  
Your presence enriches both us and this time of celebration together.**

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

*Hebrews 11, verse 1*

The best evidence of the resurrection of Jesus was not a rolled away stone, but a “carried away” church. The best evidence of Jesus rising from the dead was not finding the tomb empty—but His aliveness and presence among His disciples—both those closest to Him during His earthly ministry, and the larger group of believers who collectively, made up the church in a growing number of cities. Live your faith on earth as evidence of things unseen—the best evidence of Christ's resurrection in this world.

Millard Fuller, Founder of Habitat for Humanity

Sunday School and Nursery Care are finished for the summer months.

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

The Nursery is available for parental use.

# NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Aug. 20	Sun.	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b> (note time) - Janet Coates, LLWL, will be leading Worship
Aug. 25	Fri.	10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship at Royal Court</b> , 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Riverview, with the Rev. Aaron Billard
Aug. 27	Sun.	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b> - Baptism - Transfer of Membership
Sept. 3	Sun.	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>
Sept. 4	Mon.		Church Office closed for Labour Day
Sept. 8	Fri.	1:30 p.m.	Karing Kitchen Board (Owen Fraser Hall)
Sept. 10	Sun.	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b> (note time change)
Sept. 13	Wed.		<b>Deadline for submissions to the Thanksgiving Newsletter.</b> Email your news/updates/reports to the Church Office.

**SOBEYS & SUPERSTORE GIFT CARDS** are sold each Sunday at the sales table in the Owen Fraser Hall after Worship during fellowship and coffee time or at the Church Office on weekdays during office hours. Purchase cards for yourself and use them to purchase your groceries or give as a gift.

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

**Year-to-date sales: \$15,050.00                      Profit: \$602.00**

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**M&S UPDATE:** Goal: \$23,500.00                      **Givings to date: \$13,373.01 (57%)**

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**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 plate in the fall. Thank you for your continued support of UCW projects.

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**DEDICATE THE BULLETIN** in memory of a loved one(s). Cost is \$50.00. Contact the Church Office to select a Sunday. Upcoming dates available: October 1.

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*Announcements from other United Churches, Chignecto Presbytery, Maritime Conference and the Community are located on the bulletin boards located at the Alma St. entrance and outside the Church Office.*

# WORSHIP

*(The congregation is invited to join in responses printed in **bold**)*

## PRELUDE

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY  
ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME

Arr. J. Southbridge  
Arr. J. Southbridge

## WE GATHER IN THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

God of Life

**You are as near to us as our breath**

Touch our eyes

**That we may see you in one another**

Open our ears

**That we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed**

Enter our hearts

**That we may be filled with your love toward all people**

Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness

**Be with us now, show us the path to new life and  
grant us the courage to be people of your way.**

### PRAYER OF APPROACH & CONFESSION

**Our God and Heavenly Father,**

**we come before you this morning to sing your praises.**

**How great is your power and wisdom.**

**You lead and guide us, close a door and open another.**

**You give us trials as well as blessings**

**and shepherd us all our lives until we are safe and finally home.**

**How deep is your love and how boundless your mercy.**

**No matter how grave our problems,**

**and how often we stumble and fall,**

**we can pray to you for forgiveness,**

**we can find in you our salvation.**

**We confess that at times we neglect  
that which we should care for.  
We lash out and hurt our loved ones.  
We confess that we are sometimes greedy  
and grab for more of what we already have enough of.  
There are times when we are self-righteous,  
we call others insensitive and uncaring  
and deny that we are guilty of exactly the same faults.  
And we confess that sometimes we wander in the darkness  
instead of seeking and moving towards You.**

**HYMN # 574      *COME, LET US SING OF A WONDERFUL LOVE*      (WONDERFUL LOVE)**

***WE REFLECT UPON OUR COMMON STORY***

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Genesis 45:1-15**

Joseph is reunited with his brothers.

**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

God has not rejected the Hebrews.

**Matthew 15:21-28**

A Canaanite mother challenges Jesus.

God's story is for all people.

**It is ours to receive and share.**

**HYMN # 567      *WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME*      (KELVINGROVE)**

**SERMON      Searching for Answers      Janet Coates, LLWL**

***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE***

**OFFERING / SOLO      *FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH*      (LUCERNA LAUDONIAE)  
Sheri Brooks**

**OFFERTORY # 542      *WE GIVE YOU BUT YOUR OWN*      (FRANCONIA)  
*We give you but your own, what e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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*We thank Sheri Brooks  
for participating in our Worship this morning.*

*We thank Janet Coates  
for leading our Worship this morning.*



Grocery cards will be available for sale in the  
Church Office during coffee hour

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH CARES...** To notify the Minister of personal concerns, anxieties, illnesses, hospitalizations or deaths, to pass along a prayer request, or to arrange homebound communion, contact Rev. Aaron Billard at 858-8289 or [sjucrev@gmail.com](mailto:sjucrev@gmail.com)

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