

ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

September 4, 2021

10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME-ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Oh Give Thanks to the Lord, For He is good!

**For His mercy endures forever**

Oh give thanks to the God of gods!

**For His mercy endures forever**

Oh give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**For His mercy endures forever**

Oh give thanks to the God of Heaven for His mercy

**For His mercy endures forever!**

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: I Heard The Voice

VU 626

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down, and drink, and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;

my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.

TIME FOR ALL AGE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

**Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me  
in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, Lord,  
your great mercy and love for they are from the old. Do  
not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious  
ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord,  
are good.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Mike Bravener "How Great Thou Art"

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READINGS: **John 13:31-35**  
**1 John 4: 7-11**

SERMON: **The Law of Love**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (in unison)

**In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed;  
For You are my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for your  
name's sake, Lead me and guide me, For you are my  
strength. Into Your hand I commit my spirit!**

PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING** can be placed in offering plates as you leave

**CLOSING HYMN: Love Divine, All Love Excelling** VU 333

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**COMMISSIONING:** (in unison)

**A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.** John 13:34

**PASTORAL BENEDECTION:** (in unison)

**The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord's face radiate with joy because of you, and give you peace.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**PREACHER:**  
**MINISTER:**  
**ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:**  
**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:**  
**CUSTODIAN:**

**REV. MICHAEL BRAVENER**  
**REV. MICHELLE ARMSTRONG**  
**SHARON POND**  
**MELISSA HOWARD**  
**PERRY ANDERSON**

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## **CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Good morning and welcome to EVERYONE.** May this worship service be a blessing in your day as we continue to worship together each week in-church or by Zoom. We welcome back Preacher Mike Bravener for this week's service.

### **Upcoming services & meetings & events:**

Sept. 5	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service
Sept. 12	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service
Sept. 18	10:30 a.m.	Welcome Back Service

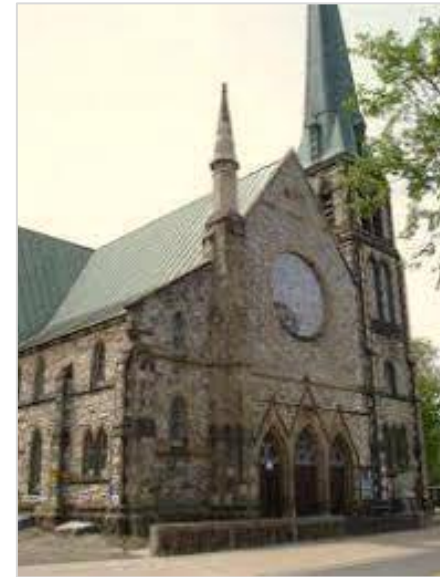
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**Office News:** Our new office manager, Melissa Howard, started this past Monday. Please feel free to stop in and introduce yourself!

**Sunday School:** We are please to announce that Sunday School will begin on September 19, 2021. The full operational plan will be outlined in the enews next week. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to contact Cathy Davis at 457-1129 [jtdavis@hotmail.com](mailto:jtdavis@hotmail.com)

**Brown Bag Lunch Program:** Through this program, we've given out over 700 lunches so far this year alone! We are asking for your help to continue to provide this vital service for our community. **We are currently in need of the following items:** drink boxes, protein (with a flip top), desserts (puddings, fruit cups, etc.), and plastic utensils. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Call for Volunteers:** The Fredericton Community Kitchen is looking for volunteers. They have shifts available throughout the day and are hoping to find individuals to commit to a weekly shift but any help is greatly appreciated. Contact Cassandra at 457-1788 or visit their website [www.frederictoncommunitykitchen.com/volunteer](http://www.frederictoncommunitykitchen.com/volunteer) for more information.



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