

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH  
Fredericton, N.B.**

*Glorifying God through Worship, Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and Serving others in Christ's name*

**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**10:30 AM**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.*

*– Psalm 34:4-8*

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE:**

**GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you  
**And also with you.**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive)

If you arrive here hungry for more of that divine bread which feeds your soul, then I welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I, your minister, may sometimes disappoint you, but he will not.

His grace is sufficient for all your needs.

**Jesus says "I am the bread of life. Those who come to me shall not hunger and who believes in me shall never thirst"**

We come now to feast on the gifts offered by our faith, living bread found in the life of Christ.

**We come to praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**TURNING TO GOD IN PRAYER:**

**HYMN: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* – Soloist: *Jane Blakely***

**VU 669**

*Jesus, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.*

*Other refuge have I none;  
hangs my helpless soul on thee.  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone;  
still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.*

*Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
more than all in thee I find.  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name,  
I am all unrighteousness:  
false and full of sin I am,  
thou art full of truth and grace.*

*Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound;  
make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart;  
rise to all eternity.*

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**TIME FOR ALL AGES:**

**PREPARING FOR SCRIPTURE: *Open Our Hearts* - Soloist: Jane Blakely**

**MV 21**

*Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you, O loving God  
Open our hearts.*

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: *John 6:35-59***

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church

**Let us respond in the Spirit.**

**MESSAGE:**

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**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.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** (Together)

**Loving God, by your generosity we have received  
all that we have and all that we are. Give us wisdom,  
that we may so use the things you have gifted us with in ways  
that shape us as your children. That we may be bearers of your spirit and truth. Grant that  
the love of Jesus Christ may shine in all we do. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father who Art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come thy will be done  
on Earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver Us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.*

**COMMISSIONING:** (Responsive)

Fed with the bread of Christ, our hungers satiated

**yet like manna of old we are called not to hoard this gift.**

For we have been and will be given enough for today

**And the bread of Christ increases the more it is given away.**

So, let us now live the eternal life and share this feast with all we meet.

**BENEDICTION:**

**Scripture Readers:** Narrator – Carole Peacock, Jesus – Donna Chauvin, Jews – Deborah West

**Greeters:** Front Door – Ann and Harold Raper, Top of Stairs – Tammy Coughlan

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 person and by Zoom.

**After Hours Locked Mailbox:** We have a new **locked mailbox** for after hours drop off located at the York Street entrance. Please feel free to also use this box if you wish not to come in to the church or navigate the stairs. It is checked multiple times daily.

**Bible Study:** Join Rev. Michelle on Wednesdays at 11:15am for bible study. We are back in person, meeting in the parlor. Generally, sessions run 45min-1hour. This coming week's scripture is John 7:37-52. Due to interest we will attempt a hybrid bible study to join online you can log on using:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854718551> **Passcode: 165090**

**Parent's meeting and check-in:** Do you have a child 18 or younger? You are invited to join Rev. Michelle on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for a check-in. I know that the last 2 years have not always been easy, and our faith formation outreach has been mixed. Please take this opportunity to share where you are at, what you think we should do as we build back coming out of pandemic and your view of what the church should be doing moving into future. I want to hear how you are doing and what you need so join on **Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84997716550> **Passcode: 962766**

**Nominations for Committees and Board:** The Annual Meeting is quickly approaching! Are you or someone you know interested in sitting on the board or a committee? We are specifically seeking individuals interested in forming a **Finance Committee**, and filling the position of **Treasurer** and **Board Chair**. Talk with Rev. Michelle or Member of the board today!

**Annual Meeting:** Please mark your calendars for the **Annual Meeting** to be held on **February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at 1pm in the sanctuary.**

**Office Hours:** Just a friendly reminder that the **office hours are from 8am – 3pm Monday through Friday.** Please note that Thursday is a big day in the office, if you could shift your business to another day, it would be appreciated. Thanks!

**Building Safety & Security Measures:** Just a friendly reminder to **sign in and out** at both entrances. This allows for better safety and security of both the building and people in case of an emergency. Once year the end financial review is over we will be moving forward with re-issuing door and alarm codes for the new year.

**Brown Bag Lunch Program: Proteins including canned meats (with flip tops), juice boxes and pudding cups continue to be a priority** for our brown bag lunch program. Drop off anytime during the week. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

**Pantry:** The pantry **needs some vital items including:** dish & laundry detergent, white flour and sugar. Donations can be dropped off anytime during office hours or on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**2022 Offering Envelopes:** Please pick your envelopes up, they are available in the Narthex. If you know someone whose envelopes remain and you are able to drop them off, it would be much appreciated. Contact Meghan at your convenience at 458-1183 to discuss a pickup arrangement

**General Council** is the triannual (delayed 1 year because of COVID) meeting of the highest governing body of the United Church of Canada. The work of the 44<sup>th</sup> General Council will begin this month – unlike other

gatherings this council will be meeting only virtually due to the ongoing pandemic. The proceedings are available for all to experience, so if you are interested in church governance and the decisions being made at the national level of our church check out <https://generalcouncil44.ca/about/connect-gc44>

**Practicing Our Faith:** Daily prayer makes a difference. Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6: 9-13)! Please join us and say the Lord's Prayer with someone every day for World Peace and Personal Peace! "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20). Thank You, Barbara Cull-Wilby!!!



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**Minster: Rev. Michelle Armstrong; Organist: Dr. Sharon Pond**  
Church Administrator: Meghan Roebuck; Custodian: Rusty Blakely

**Land Acknowledgement:** *We remember that St. Paul's sanctuary and our worship here is on the unceded territory of the Wolastoqey peoples. Long before this building was here, the land was considered sacred and tended to with respect and care. May our faith drive us to seek to be in right relationship with the first peoples of this land.*