

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Fredericton, N.B.

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

April 16th, 2023

Easter 2

10:30 AM

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. ~ Psalm 40:9-10

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE: Judas Maccabeus ~ Handel

GREETING/WELCOMING:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

INTROIT: *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks*

VU 179 ~ Refrain

*Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen Christ.
Hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*

Let everyone give all their praise and thanks to the Lord

Here's why He's better than anyone could ever imagine

Yes. He's always loving and kind and His faithful love never ends

So go ahead - let everyone know it! Tell the world how He broke through and delivered you from the power of darkness and has gathered us together from all over the world

He has set us free to be His very own!

OPENING PRAYER:

HYMN: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

VU 512

*Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you call us to your service:
'In my name baptize and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood.'
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you show us love's true measure:
'Father, what they do, forgive.'
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.*

SHARING THE WORD

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR SCRIPTURE: *Listen, God Is Calling*

MV 97

*Listen God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:16-20

This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ,
Praise be you, O Christ.

TIME FOR ALL AGES:

SONG: My Jesus ~ Rev. Mike Bravener and Youth

REFLECTION: Sharing in the mission of Jesus

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN: *I Love to Tell the Story*

VU 343

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.*

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.*

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.*

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

INVITATION TO GIVE FROM THE HEART:

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust*

VU 544

*In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.*

*O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

CHOIR ANTHEM: To God Be The Glory ~ Archer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

LORD'S PRAYER:

SENDING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

HYMN: *Go to the World*

VU 420

*Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL CLOSING: *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

VU 424 ~ v1

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

POSTLUDE: Postlude on "Maccabeus" ~ Payne

*Scripture Readers: Narrator – Chris Grant, Jesus – Ron Naugler
Greeter: Chris Grant Audio Visual: John Davis*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SUNDAY APRIL 16TH, 2023

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.

UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS

Updated COVID Protocols for In-Person Worship Services:

- Masks are highly recommended, but no longer required.
- Congregational singing is permitted.
- You are encouraged to spread out to maintain social distancing. Anyone wanting extra space is invited to sit in the balcony.
- Sanitize or wash hands on entry into the building or the sanctuary.
- Offering plates are located at the door.

As always, if you are unable to join us in person we hope to see you on Zoom - link is

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

FUNDSCRIP

Deadline for our next order is **Sunday, May 7**. Gift cards will arrive for distribution on Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day . . . *hint, hint*). Order forms are available in the church office, in the Narthex or click here [May 7th FundScrip Order Form](#). **New supporters always welcome!** Remember: *Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's.*

DOWNTOWN UNITED ~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Creedence & Co. will be hosting joint service and presentation following worship on May 7th at St. Paul's. Mark your calendar today!



BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program is in need of **granola bars and pudding cups**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this program.

PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items: jam, honey, juice boxes, Miracle Whip, apple and orange juice, soda crackers, pudding cups, cookies, canned peas, Rice Krispies, Cheerios, oatmeal, pancake mix, coffee, vinegar, mustard, cooking oil, sugar, tooth paste, dish detergent, paper towel, toilet paper and Kleenex. Thank you for your continued support!

BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED

Wednesday morning lectionary study. This week we will be focusing on Acts 10:1-17, 34-48. Join us in the board room at 11:15am or online via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88619319967> and Passcode: 259190.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

April 16th ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Christian Ed

April 23rd ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Property

April 30th ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Trustees

May 7th ~ Downtown United Service ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by M&P followed by a presentation from Creedence Consultants

May 14th ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Worship

May 21st ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the Choir

May 28th ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Outreach

HAM & SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner on **April 26th**, 4 - 6 p.m. Menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, homemade beans & brown bread, vegetables, coleslaw & Pie. Tickets are \$15/adult and please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

TAKE-OUT HAM SUPPER

TAKE-OUT BAKED HAM SUPPER – Friday, **April 28th**, pick-up 4:00-5:30pm at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. The delicious take-out supper includes carved baked ham, potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, roll, and raspberry cheesecake dessert for \$15. Please call Rindy or Tom Austin, 506-450-7151 by noon on Monday, April 24 to reserve your take-outs.



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