

May the shield of God defend us.
May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil
and the temptations of the world.
May Christ be with us,
Christ before us,
Christ in us,
Christ over us.
May our salvation, O God,
be always ours this day and forevermore.

St. Patrick 5th Century

"Praise to the Lord"

Psalm 113 - VU 835 vs. 1

***Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.
Blessèd be the name of our God now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun
may the Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!***

GATHERING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

**Touch us, O God, through the ministry of melody,
through the sounds and senses of song, through the wordless
wonder which fills our souls with heaven, through the spirit
which teaches our feet to dance and causes our hearts to
overflow, that we might be absorbed in the mystery and
magic of music, and that, in this moment of oneness, our
lives will be bonded to each other and to you. Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN** – "Just As I Am"

VU 508

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY *(in unison)*

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with all our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will and
walk in your ways;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE "How Deep the Peace"

MV #95

***How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Take comfort in the assurance
that even those things that are hidden from memory,

or are too deep for our words,
are not beyond God's forgiving love.
God, who knows us completely,
bestows pardon and peace.

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER** *(responsively)*

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY *(with those of all ages)*

Mya Brewster & Cheryl Brewster

Luke 11:1-3



***SINGING A SONG** – “Love Lifted Me”

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Refrain:

Love lifted me, Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me!
Love lifted me, Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me!

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true, merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs.

Refrain:

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.

Refrain:

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God,
your Word is a lamp to our feet,
and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth
in faith and love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Anne Brooks

Genesis 1:1-19

*Responsive Reading - Psalm 138 - Page 860 - Voices United
(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 11:9-13

MESSAGE: “The Language of Music”

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “Mansion Over the Hilltop”

*Sung by Ann Marie Hocquard & Julia Henry
with clarinet and backtrack by Don Eddy*

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***OFFERING PRAYER** *(in unison)*

You are the the Alpha and Omega,our source of being.
by your generosity we have received
all that we have and all that we are.
Grant that we may so use
the things which you have entrusted to our care,
that we may become more and more your children
in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Great Spirit,
whose voice we hear in the winds,
and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us.
We come before you as your children.
We are small and weak; we need your strength and wisdom.
Let us walk in beauty,
and make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.
May our hands respect the things you have made,
May our ears be sharp to hear your voice.
Make us wise,
that we may know the things you have taught your people,
the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.
We seek strength, not to be superior to our brothers and sisters,
but to live in harmony with ourselves and all your creation.
Help us to be ever ready to come to you,
so when life fades as a fading sunset,
our spirits may come to you without shame. Amen.
Traditional First Nations Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER – VU #921 *(in unison)*

**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.**

GOING OUT (as Spirit people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” VU 664

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

*BLESSING

God, grant us the serenity
to accept the things we cannot change,
the courage to change the things we can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Reinhold Neibuhr

***CHORAL CLOSING** – “May the God of Peace” – MV #224

***May the God of peace and of all good,
may the God of peace and of all good
be always with you. Amen!
May God’s peace be with you. Amen!***

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

POSTLUDE: PRELUDE in C Major (Bach)

Church News

The summer church office hours are now in effect – open Monday to Thursday – 9 AM to 3 PM – closed on Friday.

Peanut Butter Update - As of July 21th, 2022, 201 jars of Peanut Butter has been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. **Our goal is 900 jars for the year** and we currently have **435** including what has been purchased with monetary donations.

Purses Plus – The Community Outreach Sub Team extends thanks to all who generously contributed supplies to our new project. Passage House currently has sufficient toys for children, but would appreciate books in both languages. They always need hand sanitizer and nail clippers along with baby supplies (wipes – diapers – shampoo- etc.). Thank you again.

Donald Eddy Hall Kitchen – There are several Tupperware, plastic and other assorted containers that belong to various members of the church. If you’re missing a container please feel free to come to the church office during business hours and check if you have one (or more) here.

Community News

The addiction crisis is having devastating effects. Come and hear of a faith based approach to helping those who are suffering from addictions and hear testimonies from some who have gained freedom from their addictions. The **Teen Challenge ministry team** will be at **St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church**, 395 Murray Avenue, at **4:00 pm on July 24**. Come and listen to the testimonies of students who are gaining freedom from addictions. Teen Challenge is a faith based residential rehab centre located in Memramcook, NB. *On July 25, the entire staff and students will be in the area for their annual deep sea fishing trip.*



SCRIPTURE READINGS *(New Revised Standard Version)*

GENESIS 1:1-19

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

- 1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth,
- 2 the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
- 3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
- 4 And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.
- 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
- 6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."
- 7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so.
- 8 God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.
- 9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.
- 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.
- 11 Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so.
- 12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.
- 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years,

15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so.

16 God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,

18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

*RESPONSIVE READING - PSALM 138 PAGE 860 VU

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Psalm 138

William B. Bradbury 1863

Refrain

I praise you, O God, with all my heart,
before the gods I will sing your praises.
I bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your name for your love and faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.
On the day that I called, you answered me,
and put new strength in my soul. R

All earth's rulers shall praise you,
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of your ways, O God,
sing that your glory is great.
For though you are high, you care for the lowly.
As for the proud, you humble them from afar. R

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me,
you stretch out your hand against my enemies' rage,
your powerful hand delivers me.
You will fulfil your purpose for me.
Your love, O God, is eternal.
Do not leave unfinished the work of your hands. R

LUKE 11:9-13

9 "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish?

12 Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion?

13 If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

