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June 16th, 2024 11 am
CELEBRATING DADS 'N GRADS!

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in friendship with its people. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

Maybe the journey isn't so much about becoming anything. Maybe it's about unbecoming everything that isn't really you, so you can be who you were meant to be in the first place. Paulo Coelho

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: Spirit of Life (#381 VU)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the land, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May the Joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN# 240 VU Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: We call you by many names, O God: Adonai, the Lord; el Shaddai; Merciful One; Loving One. We call you Alpha and Omega – The Beginning and the End; Ancient of Days, Best of Friends, and New Every Morning.

People: **But we also call you Father, to describe our desire for relationship; to remind you that we are yours.**

Leader: We call you Father, in thanksgiving for your tenderness, your strength, and your faithfulness. We call you Father, as Jesus did, saying:

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,

For ever and ever. Amen.

A PRESENTATION TO ALL THE MEN

A Litany For The Father Figures In Our Lives:

Leader: We all come as children, O God, with gratitude and love, for every act of fathering, given and received:

People: **For Dads who were brief with their words, but big on acts of kindness;**

Leader: For teaching us to drive cars and tractors and ATVs, with a minimum of yelling;

People: **For being strong enough – and wise enough – to say “No” when it was clearly not the popular choice;**

Leader: For teaching us the “secret technique” of mowing the lawn, how to jiggle a handle, and the best way to barbecue;

People: For men that change diapers and tires, and, on occasion, their minds;

Leader: For being protectors or playmates as the situation demands;

People: For picking us up at day care, and sitting in cold arenas for 6 am hockey practices;

Leader: For washing dishes, and cars, and the dog when he’s been skunked;

People: For running along beside us as you taught us to ride a bike; for picking us up when we fell off; and for making us get back on and try again!

Leader: For men who not only love us, but make us feel worthy of such love;

People: For Dads still with us, and for Dads present only in our hearts, we say “Thank you,” O God!

Leader: Blessed be men such as these!

People: And blessed are we by having such men in our lives! **AMEN!**

T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON : Proverbs 2: 1-5

ANTHEM: *What A Wonderful World*

SERMON: *On What We Unlearn: Perhaps The Greatest Lessons Of All*

***HYMN# 299 VU Teach Me God To Wonder**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGING THE GRADUATES

A BLESSING FOR THEM:

Leader: As you begin this new stage in your journey, graduates, we send you out with our blessing.

People: May you be quick to love, and make haste to be kind.

Leader: Hold fast to family and friends, but reach out to the world.

People: Stand up for what is right,

Leader: Lend your voice, your power and your privilege to those without.

People: Be strengthened by the witness of those who have gone before you.

Leader: Know that God who is Love will bless you, and that Love will always find a way.

People: May it be so for you this day, Graduates, and forevermore.

Leader: Amen.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: What Can I Do (#191 MV)

What can I do? (What can I do?)

What can I bring? (What can I bring?)

What can I say? (What can I say?)

What can I sing? (What can I sing?)

I'll sing with joy. (I'll sing with joy.)

I'll say a prayer. (I'll say a prayer.)

I'll bring my love. (I'll bring my love.)

I'll do my share. (I'll do my share.)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #651 VU Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now In Peace Besig/Price**

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others, so all the world can see,

God will be there, watching from above,

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love

A-men. A-men. A-a-a-men.

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If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeter This Week: Marg Frenette

Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster and Loraine Ward

Trustee on Duty (June): David Ward

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tue., June 18th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

The bulletin today is dedicated in memory of my husband, Levin Frenette (Jun 18, 1931-Dec 25, 2019) and his garlic shrimp party dish, made famous by our NMUC congregation. Marg Frenette

SUMMER WORSHIP: Worship services for the summer months at NMUC will be at 10:00 am from July 7th to Sept. 1st inclusive.

Early reminder that the **MEN'S CLUB** will be holding their annual **Salmon Supper on October 20, 2024** and to those who make their own mustard pickles (Lady Ashburnham), we will be looking for donations of pickles for the event.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE: For the month of **June**, we will focus on **canned pasta sauce or diced tomatoes**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

List of Graduates we are Honouring Today:

<u>Graduate</u>	<u>Graduating From</u>	<u>Related To</u>
Brooklyn Parlee	Simonds High School	Granddaughter of Allen Parlee
Jalen Meyer	Leo Hayes High School	Grandson of Ann Urquhart
Halle Stewart	B.Science UNB Kinesiology	Granddaughter of David and Loraine Ward
Joshua Deschenes	École St. Anne	Son of Carol & Louis Deschenes Grandson of Clair & Anna Ripley
Brooke-Lyn Power	B.Science UNBSJ Marine Biology	Sheila and Tom Power
Julie Bongard	B.Education UNB	Daughter of Gail and Mitch Bongard
Alexa Fraser	B.Arts (Honors) Psychology and Forensic Science Trent University	Granddaughter of Gary MacBean
Emma Rose Knorr	Fredericton High School	Daughter of Deborah & Jeff Knorr
Sheila Power	M. Mathematics Teaching University of Waterloo	
Bryce Barker	Oromocto High School	Grandson of Stan & Laurie Campbell