

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 18, 2023**

* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome and the lighting of the Christ Candle

Life & Work of the Community

***Hymn: To God Be the Glory** **IH #227**

Responsive Reading: Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
VU # 507

Hymn of Confession: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, IH #313

Hymn of Absolution: My Faith Looks Up to Thee **VU #663**

Minute for Mission

Scripture Readings: **Psalm 131** **#854 VU**
Romans 5.1-8
Matthew 9:35-10.8

Sermon: Use All The Brains You Have Plus All You Can Borrow

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Offering Anthem

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn: This Is My Father's World** **IH #286**

*** The Christ Candle is Extinguished**

Pastoral Benediction

***Sending Forth** **When You Walk from Here** **298VU**

"This service has now ended. Our service now begins."

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Thought for the day: "My biggest fear is being trapped in a small room with Santa. I have Claustrophobia!" No, it's not Christmas [Santa and all that]. It's Pentecost, the 4th Sunday after Pentecost to be specific. Pentecost accentuates the Spirit in the Christian life. FYI, in the church year, Pentecost is over November 26.

Blessed Father's Day! "One father is worth more than a hundred schoolmasters." To honour the father's of our church and/or the memories we have of our fathers, we sing hymns that highlight the word "father." May our worship service honour the father we call "Heavenly Father."

The outdoor frontal cement walkway under the arch needs repainting. The last time it was painted [several years ago], it was given three coats. We are now looking for a volunteer to paint it once again. If you can help, speak to Wendy of the Trustees.

Got flowers? Put together a bouquet for the altar table. Our sanctuary is so much more festive with colourful flowers for our focus. They're a wonderful creation by a loving God!

Thanks to our June janitor, Vera MacLeod. We can help Vera today be taking a moment to straighten our chairs, take our bulletins with us, and tidying up as we see the need to do so.

Thanks, volunteers, for cleaning the flower bed at the side of the church. We'll pay special attention to how nice it looks!

In case you're wondering, our new main outer doors do not need to be painted. At first glance, they might look as if they just have primer on them; however, their present colour is the colour they are meant to have.

The Search Committee reported that in their efforts to call a new or part time minister to our church, they were told there were 17 churches on the Island looking for ministers! That means we're joining them in vying for a minister from the same small pool that's available. Good luck, right?

A nicely supplied first aid kit was purchased for our church. It's located in the kitchen and is available to anyone in need. It's

important not only to have such a kit but also to know where it's located when we need it. Likewise, fire extinguishers have been added to select locations in the church.

A lock-box will be installed on the exterior of the church near either the front door or back door to allow access to the building by the fire department or police. The lock-box will have a door key within it and a combination lock to the box, so as not to make it easily accessible to just anyone. In case of a report of fire, for example, without a lock box the firemen would be forced to break down the door to get access.

We received the initial payment of grant money to purchase and install two heat pumps for our church. Thanks to Wendy for writing the grant. Brown's Heating will be the installer.

People all over the world have been mourning Canadian folk icon Gordon Lightfoot, who died at the beginning of May. But you may not have known that he had a soft spot for his childhood congregation. Retired United Church minister Rev. Karen Hilfman Millson, who worked at St. Paul's United in Orillia, Ont., knew Lightfoot personally and reflects in the June edition of Broadview on how the musician and his work touched her and so many others.

Next Sunday's appointed readings are taken from: Jeremiah 20; Romans 5; Matthew 10.

If you're a visitor, please record your name in our guest book located in the narthex entryway. Thanks for coming today!

What kind of car does Jesus drive? Likely a Christler.

"When you teach your son, you teach your son's son."

As a courtesy, please quiet your cell phone.

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