

Easter 7 – June 1, 2025

Deep – Bold - Daring

Congregational responses are in bold.

(*) Indicates Standing

*We draw our strength from the very despair in which we
have been forced to live. We shall endure.*

- Cesar Chavez

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music
and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit:** Sing Your Joy vs. 1

VU#253

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship: (*on screens*)

***Hymn:** "Come, Children Join To Sing"

VU#345

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

The heavens proclaim your glory, O God.

May our voices do that, too.

The mountains melt like wax before you, O God.

May hardened hearts do so, too.

May we gather as your community,

sculpted by the freedom of love

and in the liberty of grace,

that all may gather here

and be given voice

to proclaim you God of all the earth,

and give thanks to your holy name. Amen.

Personal Prayer "Veni Sancte Spiritus" x2

MV#75

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Hymn: "Small Things Count"

VU#361

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Thank you God for love. For how love can come to us from many places. Help me to learn to love the world as you do. Amen

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: Nancy B.

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture Lesson:

Readings from the early church: Acts 16:16-34
(Paul and Silas are freed from prison.)

Gospel reading: John 5:1-9
(A sick man cured at the pool of Bethesda)

Response *(seated)*: It is God's special word:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Sermon: Liberating Love

Anthem: "An die Musik"

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness" **VU#260**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**
In Gratitude and Humble Trust **VU#544**

***Offertory Prayer:** *(unison – on screens)*

***Hymn:** "Let All Things Now Living" **VU#242**

***Blessing** *(on screens)*
We go in peace,
with the God of freedom.
We go in hope,

with the God of life.
 We go in faith,
with the God of the future.
 We go in grace,
with the God of love.
Amen.

***Choral Blessing:** You Shall Go Out With Joy **VU#884**

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: June 1 Trudy S. & John			
Screens: June 1	Erik	June 15	Erik June 22 Tracy

This Week's Calendar

Tues	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
Wed	12:30pm	Writer's Circle	Boardroom

*Tai Chi is offered on Mon, Wed & Fri *

Announcements:

Shuttle for June 8th Joint Service (Old Moncton High School – St. John's United)

- The shuttle will be a load and go, with no set schedule.
- Back and forth between 9:30 am and 2 pm, with a break during the service itself.
- Last bus to service just before 11 am. More shuttles if needed after 11 am for those who are later arriving. Flexibility for when last shuttle to the service takes place.
- Event Coordinator will be at the parking lot Sunday morning.

Women Unite: Tuesday, June 10th @ 6:30pm – Rossano's Restaurant (Champlain St.) We are looking forward to wrapping up our first season of Women Unite with a delicious meal and conversation. All women are invited to join us! Please let Karen or Jane know if you plan to attend.