

# CUMMER AVENUE UNITED CHURCH



*Kindness • Justice • Hope*

*We are an inclusive Christian community celebrating God's presence  
as we work to enrich lives and transform our world.*

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**Sunday, September 6, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**

**Fourteenth after Pentecost**

**bold face type:** congregational response  
VU: Voices United, MV: More Voices,

*As we gather today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous people of this region, most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation who are Anishinaabe Ojibwe people. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations with them as we live, work, and worship upon their traditional territory. We are also mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting the Christ Candle

**Musical Meditation:** All Together in God's Presence - Lim

*Refrain:*

*Thank you God, for all you give us, all that's faithful, good and true.  
Life and Love are your creation. We are here because of you.*

**Music:** Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (VU#240 vv. 1,2&5)

### Gathering Words:

Wherever we go, God is always there.

**God is behind us and before us.**

**God is above us and below us.**

**God is within us and around us.**

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And where God is, there is space to worship.  
**God waits for us here with unending love,  
So come and let us worship.**  
Let us pray.

### Opening Prayer:

God, from different walks of life,  
we come into your presence,  
happy and sad,  
young, middle-aged and old,  
quiet and restless.  
Open our hearts and minds  
so that we may be filled with your presence.  
Amen.

**Music:** Goodness Is Stronger

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10

*Grace is not something we earn; it is a gift from God.*

**Reflection:** A Grace that Knows No Bounds

- Rev. Warren McDougall

**Music:** Spirit, Open My Heart (MV#79)

### Offering

### Prayer of Dedication:

We are aware of great needs in our world today:  
around the world, across the country,  
across the city, across the street,  
and within our own congregation.  
May our gifts be blessed, and be a blessing to those in need.  
Amen.

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## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Prayer of Jesus**

*(You are invited to pray in the language of your choice)*

**Loving God in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Music:** Earth and All Stars (VU#888)

### **Sending Forth:**

Children of the Gracious God, go from this time and place  
knowing that you are loved!

**And as you take your gifts of love out into the world,  
know that you go with the blessing of God,  
the love of Christ,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit.**

Go in peace.

*Written by Deborah Ambridge Fisher, Forest Hill U.C., Fredericton, N.B.*

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**Closing Music:** Prelude in C minor - Bach

*We leave this time of worship knowing that we are not alone. While we  
cannot be together in body, we can continue to be together in spirit.  
Reach out. Call a friend. Call a neighbour. Share Kindness, Justice and  
Hope wherever you can.*

## Lyrics

### **Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven** (VU#240 vv. 1,2&5)

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,  
glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who, like me, should sing God's praise.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favour  
shown our forebears in distress;  
God is still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Angels, teach us adoration,  
you behold God face to face;  
sun and moon and all creation,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise with us the God of Grace!

### **Goodness Is Stronger** (*text: Desmond Tutu; music: John Bell©1996*)

Goodness is stronger than evil;  
love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness;  
life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours,  
victory is ours through him who loved us.  
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### **Spirit, Open My Heart** (MV#79)

**Spirit, open my heart  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.**

God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender. **R**

Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word and deed,  
may my living bring you glory. **R**

May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another. **R**

**Earth and All Stars (VU#888)**

Earth and all stars,  
loud rushing planets  
sing to our God a new song!  
Hail, wind, and rain,  
loud blowing snowstorm  
sing to our God a new song!

**God has done marvellous things.  
We will sing praises with a new song!**

Steel and machines,  
loud pounding hammers  
sing to our God a new song!  
Limestone and beams,  
loud building workers  
sing to our God a new song! **R**

Classroom and labs,  
loud boiling test tubes  
sing to our God a new song!  
Athlete and band,  
loud cheering people  
sing to our God a new song! **R**

Knowledge and truth,  
loud sounding wisdom  
sing to our God a new song!  
Daughter and son,  
loud praying elders  
sing to our God a new song! **R**

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