

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA -  
GANDER PASTORAL CHARGE**

**Benton Gander Glenwood-Appleton**

**Ministers:** Rev. Kathy J. Brett (651-4611)  
Rev. Wesley Oake, Minister Emeritus

**Presiding:** United Church Women

**Fraser Road United - Gander - 11:00 am.**

**August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND SHARING TIME**

**INTROIT: "Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary" MV #18**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, find a time of peace.

**We don't think we have time. There are so many  
demands on us.**

Come, find a time of rest.

**There is so much that we have to do, places to go, people  
to see, needs to be met.**

Come, find a time of healing.

**Our lives are fractured. We give of ourselves and yet  
there is still much to be done.**

Come, find a time of hope.

**We can't accomplish everything. How can we reach out  
offering help?**

You cannot serve if you do not rest. You need a time of quiet to  
re-gather your strength and spirits.

**Lord, help us to slow down, even if it is for just a little  
while.**

Come, find this place of peace. Let the spirit of God gently  
refresh and heal you.

**We come and will find our rest in God's steadfast love.**

**OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Lord, we gather with lives that are very busy. We rush from one thing to another as though we are going to run out of time before we accomplish everything. Help us to let go of the hectic times and find our rest in you. Relax our spirits and refresh our souls. Remind us that there will always be things to do and places to go, but that we need the rest of spirit that you provide. Amen.

**HYMN:** "Spirit Divine, Attend our Prayers" #385

**THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

**HYMN:** "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" #374

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (Unison)**

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 READING:** Isaiah 43:11-21

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 91, page 807

**REFLECTION:** "*Risking Faith and Daring Hope*"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**HYMN:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" #567

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*Let us Build a House*

**SUNG OFFERTORY:** What Can I Do?" MV 191

*What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

Gentle God, as the wind blows cooling breezes, as the sunshine warms and the rain refreshes the earth, so your grace touches our souls. May these gifts, given in love, become promises of new life for the whole of creation. Amen.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN:** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

#681

### BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet  
walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands  
stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart  
open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,  
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. **Amen.**

### LIFE AND WORK OF OUR PASTORAL CHARGE

~**UCW RETREAT** (all women welcome) - West Haven Camp, Pasadena - Sept. 8-9. Theme "Like a Rock". You are asked to bring a rock from someplace meaningful to you. For more info contact Lorraine 256-3579 or Marion 256-4814.

~**CRAFT FAIR** - Fraser Road will host a craft fair and bake sale on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> for 10 am - 3 pm. Admission is a non-perishable food item, tea and touts will be served at a cost of just 5\$. **We are asking the congregation for donations of baked goods for our table, your help would be greatly appreciated.**

~**MEN'S 63<sup>rd</sup> FELLOWSHIP RALLY** will be held at Loon Bay Camp from Sept 21-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 with guest speaker Ross Dally. Registration forms and Itinerary can be found on the church bulletin boards or by calling Joe Blake at 256-3210. Registration deadline is Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

~**BACK TO SCHOOL ITEMS:** Donations can be left in the pew or brought to the church office.

- School supplies for children in September (pencils, crayons, loose leaf, erasers, glue sticks etc.)
- Food snacks (cheese & crackers, fruit cups, granola bars etc.)