

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

**Benton Gander Glenwood-Appleton**

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

**Fraser Road United – Gander – 11:00 am.  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**THE SEASON OF CREATION**

**WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND SHARING TIME**

**INTROIT:** This is the Day #412

*This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Welcome to worship, in the name of God, who creates planets,  
The name of Jesus Christ, born on planet Earth,  
And the name of the Spirit who envelopes our planet.

**Holy! holy! holy! Earth is filled with God’s presence.**

Christ, we come to into your presence, today, to worship in this  
sanctuary

**Holy! holy! holy! Earth is filled with God’s presence.**

**HYMN:** For the Beauty of the Earth #226

**OPENING PRAYER**

**ACT OF PRAISE:** Halle, Halle, Halle #958

**THE PEACE:**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

**HYMN:** I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

#644

**PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM**

**LETTER FROM THE FAMILY**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES OF PARENTS**

**PRAYER FOR THE FAMILIES**

**CONGREGATIONAL VOWS OF SUPPORT**

Let us pledge our support and care.

**Levi, as a baptized and baptizing people, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith.**

May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism and live our commitment to this promise.

**Amen.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** A New Creed

#918

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

**POURING OF THE WATER**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ACT OF BAPTISM**

**MARKING WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS**

**BLESSING & LAYING ON OF HANDS**

## CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME:

Levi, into the household of faith we welcome you with joy and thanksgivings.

**Levi, we welcome you as members of God's family.**

**We welcome you with love that you may know Christ's love.**

**We welcome you with joy that you may learn of Christ's joy.**

**We welcome you by name that you may know who you are.**

**We welcome you in Christ's name that you may know whose you are.**

**You are a part of our family and will always find a welcome place here.**

**PRESENTATIONS:** Candle and Certificate

## BLESSING

### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Genesis 1

**And God Said "That is good...that is very good!"**

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 33, VU#760

## REFLECTION

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**HYMN:** Song of Earth

*Hail the Earth that first appeared. Alleluia!*

*When a word from God was heard. Alleluia!*

*Let the Earth arise and be. Alleluia! Filled with living mystery. Alleluia!*

*Hail the rainbow flying high. Alleluia!*

*Spun by God across the sky. Alleluia!*

*Giving Earth a solemn word. Alleluia! Never to unleash a flood. Alleluia!*

*Hail the planet blue and green. Alleluia!*

*Where the face of God is seen. Alleluia!*

*Glory filling all the Earth. Alleluia! Celebrating every birth. Alleluia!*

*Hail the groans of Earth in pain. Alleluia!*

*From the weight of human sin. Alleluia!*

*Longing for the Christ who died. Alleluia! All creation to revive. Alleluia!*

Norman Habel, 1999

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

**SUNG OFFERTORY:** What Can I Do?

#191 (MV)

*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)

**O God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for those in need, including our planet home. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/FOR THE EARTH  
LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN:** Fairest Lord Jesus

#341

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

*To the Glory of God*

Gifts to Fraser Road United Church have been given  
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## LIFE AND WORK OF OUR PASTORAL CHARGE

~**TODAY WE RECEIVE** through the Sacrament of Baptism into the Church of Christ, and into Fraser Road United Church Family: **Levi Bernard Lawrence Gillingham** child of Tyson and Victoria Gillingham. We extend congratulations and best wishes to these families.

~ **COFFEE HOUR** – Join us in the hall following worship for a time of fellowship as we enjoy a cup of tea and snack.

~**OUTREACH MEETING** will be held Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the church parlour. All are welcome to attend.

~**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.**

~**TOWN OF APPLETON** invites you to the 17<sup>th</sup> annual 9/11 service on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM at the Appleton Riverfront Peace Park.

~**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.)