

Trinity-St. Stephen's & First Baptist Shared Worship July 12, 2015

* *rise in body and in spirit* VU = Red Hymnbook MV = Paperback Hymnbook

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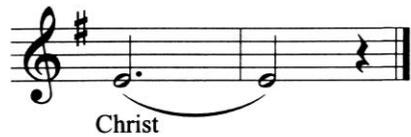
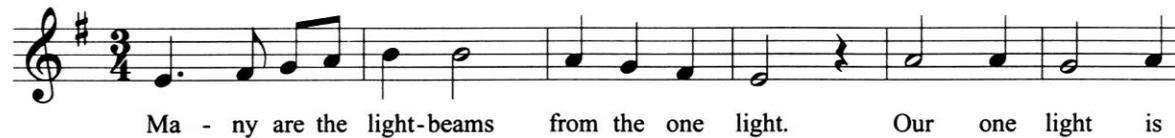
MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

ONE: There was once someone who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things that people began to follow him. But they didn't know who he was. So one day they simply had to ask him, and, when they asked him, he said

ALL: I am the Light.



ONE: Sometimes, God,
prayer is just breath
breathing in, breathing out
Your Spirit — our breath — our breath — Your Spirit.

ALL: Sometimes prayer is voice
words spoken
loudly, or whispered, or thought
one voice, many voices,
Your voice.

ONE: Sometimes prayer is action
love shown in kindness
shared in tears and laughter
lived out in hugs
practiced in acceptance. (*over...!*)

ALL: Always prayer is presence,
Your presence — our presence
hopes and fears, dreams and regrets
spoken to One who loves by those who love.

ONE: Gentle Spirit,

ALL: may we be present to you this morning. Amen.

*HYMN MV 28 'God of the Bible'

ALL: Dear God,
sometimes it is easier to say sorry for the big mistakes of life
than for the dozens of little ones we make daily —
time spent worrying rather than finding grace in the moment,
words of criticism, ill thought and regrettable,
silence when words could make a difference,
self-doubt when you hold out unlimited love and acceptance.
It is in the little things that we are most likely to fail you
and each other.
Help us, Blessed One,
in the day to day moments that mark our lives
to be open to your spirited longing for our good. Amen.

Reflective Quiet

ONE: Jesus often withdrew to pray — a quiet spot, a welcome rest.

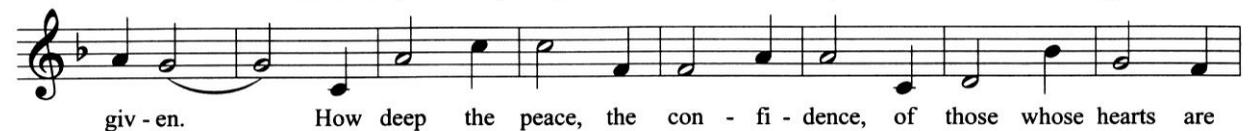
ALL: Then he would return to his friends, to those who loved and followed him.

ONE: Jesus always remembered the community which held and supported him

ALL: So let us remember each other and the love which binds us.

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.



FIRST READING **2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19** (*The Inclusive Bible*)

In keeping with Jewish tradition, the Divine Name 'YHWH' is not read aloud, the words 'the LORD' are read.

David again called up all the warriors of Israel and picked 30,000 elite fighters. Then David and the whole force set out for Ba'alath in Judah to return the ark of God, which bears the name of YHWH who sits enthroned above the cherubim. The ark of God was placed on a new cart and removed from the house of Abinadab on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio walked before it, while David and all the people of Israel celebrated to their hearts' content before YHWH, with songs, harps, lyres, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals.

So David went down and brought the ark up from the house of Obed-Edom to the city of David with rejoicing. When the bearers of the ark of YHWH took their first six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fatted calf. David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before YHWH with all his might, while he and his whole house of Israel brought up the ark of YHWH with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

As the ark entered the city of David, Saul's daughter Michal looked down through the window and saw David leaping and dancing before YHWH, and his display disgusted her.

The ark of the covenant was brought in and set in its place within the tent David had set up for it. Then David made burnt offerings and peace offerings before YHWH. Finishing the burnt offerings and peace offerings, the ruler blessed the people in the name of YHWH. Then he distributed among the people of Israel present—to each woman and man—a loaf of bread, a cake of dates, and a cake of raisins. And all the people returned to their homes.

PSALM OF RESPONSE **Psalms 24** (*over...!*)

GOSPEL READING **Mark 6.14-29** (*The Inclusive Bible*)

Herod, the ruler of Judea, had heard about Jesus, whose reputation had become widespread. Some people were saying, "John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead, and that is why such miraculous powers are at work in him." Others said, "He is Elijah"; still others, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." When Herod heard of Jesus, he exclaimed, "John, whom I beheaded, has risen from the dead!"

Now it was Herod who had ordered John arrested, chained and imprisoned on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, whom Herod had married. For John had told Herod, "It is against the Law for you to have your brother's wife." As for Herodias, she was furious with John and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so. Herod feared John, knowing him to be good and holy, and kept him in custody. When Herod heard John speak he was very much disturbed; yet he was moved by John's words.

Herodias had her chance one day when Herod on his birthday held a dinner for the court circle, military officers and leaders of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, this delighted Herod and the guests so much that he told the young woman, "Ask me anything you like and I will give it to you." And Herod swore an oath, "I will give you anything you ask, even half of my entire realm!"

She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?"

Herodias replied, "The head of John the Baptizer."

The woman hurried back to Herod and made her request: "I want you to give me the head of John the Baptizer on a platter."

Herod was deeply distressed by this request, but remembering the oath he swore before the guests, he was reluctant to break his oath to her. So Herod immediately sent one of the bodyguards with orders to bring John's head. The guard beheaded John in prison, then brought the head in on a platter and gave it to the young woman, who gave it to her mother.

When John's disciples heard about this, they came and took the body away and laid it in a tomb.

1 Ye gates, lift up your heads on high; ye doors that last for
2 Ye gates, lift up your heads on high; ye doors that last for

1 aye, be lift-ed up that so the King of glo-ry en-ter may. But who of
2 aye, be lift-ed up that so the King of glo-ry en-ter may. But who is

1 glo-ry is the King? The might-ty Lord is this, E'en that same Lord that great in might and
2 he that is the King of glo-ry who is this? The Lord of hosts and none but he the

1 strong in bat-tle is, e'en that same Lord that great in might and strong in bat-tle is. to v. 2
2 King of glo-ry is, the Lord of hosts and none but he the King of glo-ry is. to end

Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

MUSIC MINISTRY: 'Pie Jesu' (from the *Requiem*)
Emma MacEachern, soprano

SERMON: 'May I Have this Dance?'

*HYMN **VU 534** 'I Cannot Dance'

OFFERING: 'Come, Come My Voice'
Emma MacEachern, soprano

*SUNG PRESENTATION

♪ 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;
to turn, turn will be our delight
'til by turning, turning, we come round right.

DEDICATION PRAYER

ALL: God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar,
their children and their children's children,
you are no stranger to the complexities of life,
nor the complications we add ourselves.
Help us to simplify our lives.
Help us to grow in our awareness of your blessing.
Help us to bow and bend, each to the other
that we might be woven into your community
of compassion and concern. Amen.

PRAYER ending with:

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven...

*HYMN **VU 352** 'I Danced in the Morning'

*BLESSING (followed by sung 'Amen')



Gabriel Fauré

Bach/arr. A. Whitehead

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

The postlude concludes our communal worship which is offered to God for our and God's mutual delight and enjoyment. Since it is not a performance separate from worship no applause is necessary or required.

Music Notes: This morning we welcome soprano, Emma MacEachern to Trinity-St. Stephen's and thank her for her contribution to the Ministry of Music. Emma is a grade eleven student at Cobequid Educational Centre and this past year, starred as "Anne" in the CEC musical, *Anne of Green Gables*. She was also the winner in the Provincial Music Festival in the Junior Musical Theatre category and studies voice in Truro and Wolfville. We appreciate Emma (and her family) worshipping with us this morning.



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We welcome the clergy and congregation of First Baptist Church and all visitors who join with us for these combined Summer Services of 2015. All visitors are invited to sign the guest book at the back of the church. **Newcomers are asked to fill in the card in the pew and place it in the offering plate.** All are invited to join the time of fellowship (coffee & juice) in Burgess Hall following the service.

July "after worship coffee" clean-up crew are members of the *Worship Committee*.

Ushers: Beth Dickinson & Ollie Williams

Tellers for July: Stewardship Committee

FOOD BANK

The Amherst Food Bank is currently in need of the following items: canned goods – fruit, vegetables, meat and fish, pasta sauce; school snacks – granola bars, cheese and crackers, juice boxes, pudding cups, fruit cups; cereal, rice, hamburger helper, brown sugar, peanut butter and jam. There is also a need for bottles sizes small up to 500 ml for portioning products. Thank you for your generous and continued support of our local food bank.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMP TA-WA-SI

On July 18, Camp Ta-Wa-Si will be hosting a reunion for anyone with a connection to the camp. During the day, activities will be led by current and past staff members and will include all of the camp favorites like crafts, sports, campfire and swimming at the beach! Lunch and dinner provided by free-will donation and all are welcome to bring a tent and stay the night. If you would like to reserve a bunk, register early! Check out the 75th Anniversary section of www.camptawasi.ca for more information.

WARREN BAPTIST CHURCH: EVENING SERVICE

There will be an evening church service at the Warren Baptist Church this evening, Sunday, July 12 at 7:30 pm. The speaker will be Rev. Reg Harrison and music will be by Joyce Fraser and Marie Osborne.

GIL COLLICOTT ART SHOW

The Cumberland County Museum will be displaying the landscapes, water color and pencil sketched pieces of the late Gil Collicott until July 17, many of which are on loan from family and friends. Please call 902-667-2561 for more information.

CANSA JAZZ EVENINGS

CANSA will be hosting two concerts at Trinity-St. Stephen's this month, including a 'Tribute to Nina Simone' on Friday, July 17, featuring Jeri Brown and special guests Susan & Tony Robichaud and the following evening, Saturday, July 18, 'The Threads of Gospel, Jazz & Blues' with musical guests Leah Killen, Nova Scotia Mass Choir, The African Children's Choir, Jeremiah Sparks, Linda Carvery and Woody Woods. Both concerts begin at 6:30 pm. Advanced tickets, \$8, available at CANSA, 63 Victoria Street, or at the door for \$10. Proceeds towards the CANSA Scholarship.

STAY CONNECTED: WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Stay Connected is a Support Group for women (aged 25 and up) established to offer support for women who are managing anxiety and/or depression. The support group will be held at Trinity-St. Stephen's on Thursdays from 7 pm – 8 pm, starting July 16. Contact the Group Facilitator, Rachael Quilty, at (902) 694-5645 or stay.connected@hotmail.com for more information.

BERWICK CAMP: CHRISTIAN FAMILY CAMPING SINCE 1872

Berwick Camp 144 will be hosting a week of programs and worship, Friday, July 24 to Sunday, August 2, including morning and evening worship, Parents' co-op nursery, vacation bible school and youth group, afternoon cribbage, crafts and story time for all ages, as well as yoga, prayer shawl knitters, UCW Day, children's fun fair and live/silent auctions. Go to www.berwickcamp.org for more information on events and registration.

DICK'S JAMBOREE BBQ

Stop by Friday afternoon as Dick's Jamboree hosts a BBQ and afternoon of music in Burgess Hall with music and entertainment by the clients of the Bridge Adult Service Center (Amherst), GOVRC (Springhill), and the Sunset Community (Pugwash). Hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream will be on the menu!



July 12 – July 18

Thursday	1:30pm	Open Circle Drop In
Friday	12:00pm	Dick's Jamboree BBQ
	6:30pm	CANSA Concert: <i>Tribute to Nina Simone</i>
Saturday	6:30pm	CANSA Concert: <i>The Threads of Gospel, Jazz & Blues</i>