

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

***"Choosing Celebration"*
A Celebration of Ministries**



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**Mount Royal United Church, Moncton, NB
Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 1:00 pm**

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Bold type indicates the responses of the people.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

(Rev. Scott Stuart)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

(Rev. Scott Stuart)

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Rev. Scott Stuart)

Leader: God welcomes us here in sanctuary and through social media.

People: We are welcomed here from many places.

Leader: God calls us, as disciples, to take the Word to the world.

People: God has asked us to do so with grace, love, and wisdom.

Leader: Christ has called us to this life and this ministry, and we come trusting that call, seeking to live it out with the love and the faith that is within and among us.

People: We come and we are ready! Ready to follow where Christ leads. Ready to embrace Spirit's call to transformation. Ready to be a part of the Holy One's work in all of Creation.

OPENING PRAYER

(Rev. Scott Stuart)

Holy One, we gather on this day of celebration. A day in which we celebrate your faithful presence alive and among us. Grace abounds and our hearts overflow with thanksgiving. From generation to generation, you have helped your people find the way of light and life.

We pray that each one of us, and all of us together, might continue to follow where it is you are leading – so that our hearts, minds, communities, and the whole world might be healed and renewed in the ways of love and life.

We remember and give thanks for the new ministers gathered here. We give thanks that they have heard your voice and your call to serve the church and the world. We pray for your blessing upon them, and upon us all, as we worship this day. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF ADMISSIONANDS

Executive Minister: Who is this whom you bring for service into the body of Christ, the Church?

(Those to be admitted are invited to stand as their names are read by the Office of Vocation Minister)

OV Minister: I present Jean Herman and Christine Schulze, who are Ordained Ministers and who now desire to serve within the Order of Ministry of The United Church of Canada. The Admissions Board of the Office of Vocation has examined them; and we believe them to be qualified for this ministry.

Executive Minister: Do you believe that they are, by God's grace, worthy so to serve?

**Members of Regional Council: We believe they are worthy. Glory be to God.
AMEN.**

(Those to be admitted may be seated)

HYMN: I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY VU #644

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word, I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(Rev. Dr. Andrew Richardson)

God, the words you speak have power:
Power to create, power to disturb, power to heal.
Help us to hear your Word for us today. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

(Rev. Dr. Andrew Richardson)

Micah 6: 6-9

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Response: God's word to us.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 96

(Rev. Dr. Andrew Richardson)

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶ Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
⁹ Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.
¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity."
¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
¹² let the field exult, and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
¹³ before the LORD; for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

Response: God's word to us.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 22:34-40

(Rev. Audrey Lounder)

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Response: Word for our inspiration.
May we walk in its light.

SERMON SINGING A NEW SONG

(Rev. Audrey Lounder)

HYMN: FIRST BORN OF MARY MV#110

First born of Mary, protective preacher,
itinerant teacher, outsider's choice;

Jesus inspires and disarms and confuses
whoever he chooses to hear his voice.

ADMISSION OF AN ORDAINED MINISTER FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION

(The candidates for Admission shall come forward)

INVITATION PRAYER

President: Sisters and brothers, let us pray for the outpouring of Holy Spirit.

Let us pray:

Upon the ascension of Christ, Jesus left with us the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts. The Holy Spirit works within us to not only give us peace, but also direction. Come Holy Spirit, descend upon all of us this day and especially Christine and Jean who are celebrating their admission into The United Church of Canada. Amen.

THE ADMISSION AND PROMISES

President: (Jean/Christine), we recognize your ordination and rejoice that you choose now to join this community of Christ's church. Do you believe in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and do you commit yourself anew to God?

Minister: I do.

President: Are you willing to exercise your ministry in accordance with the scriptures, in continuity with the faith of the Church, and be subject to the oversight and discipline of The United Church of Canada?

Minister: I am willing.

President: (addressing the Regional Council members)

Sisters and brothers, will you support and encourage Jean and Christine as they perform their ministry among us?

Members of Regional Council: We will.

THE DECLARATION

President: In the name of Jesus Christ, the Sovereign Head of the Church, and by the authority of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council, I declare that (Jean Herman/Christine Schulze) have been admitted as ministers in The United Church of Canada.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE AND CERTIFICATE

President: (Jean/Christine)

As Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council, we acknowledge your admission by gifting you with this Bible. May you continue to proclaim in word and action the Gospel of Christ with diligence and love.

Prayer:

Gracious God, we give you thanks for Jean and Christine, and their willingness to call this United Church of Canada home. May they continue to live out their ministries amongst us with the grace, humility and love. Grant that always having the assurance of faith they may abounding in hope, and be forever held in the embrace of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: AMEN!

President: Greet your newly admitted Ministers!

HYMN: O GOD WE CALL VU#411

O God we call, O God we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY INVITATION

(Rev. Scott Stuart)

Participating in what God is doing is a gift we have been given. Being part of something larger than ourselves gives life meaning and connects us with others in empowering ways. We are asking those who are watching today through social media and those here present in celebration of these ministries to please send a donation to the Mission and Service Fund of our United Church of Canada. You can do so through your local congregation or by going to the United Church website to the donate button. This is a tangible way to celebrate our newly admitted ministers.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, your hand is open to us: from you we have learned to be generous. As we open our hearts and hands to you now, receive these gifts and multiply them, so that they may bless others. Search us, dear God, and guide us to be faithful and free, daring and gentle. May our giving always bring glory to you alone. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

(Rev. Audrey Lounder)

This is not our table. This is not this church's meal. This is God's feast laid out for each and every one of us. You are welcome here. All are welcome here.

A NEW CREED

Let us join in a statement of our communal faith.

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.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the God.

Let us give thanks.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you,

Gracious God, and that we should recall

With thanksgiving that you created all things.

Do you remember the heavens crashing into existence,

By the power, and heart of God the Creator,

How the stars first blasted through,

And how the seas surged with the abundance of life?

Do you remember how the land appeared and animals herded and played and fed;

And how the sun and the moon shared the sky?

Yes, I remember!

Do you remember the singing, dancing, and the voices raised in praise of God as the people filled the temple?
Can you still hear the chanting voices of the worship leaders, as they led the crowds in the reading of the Holy Scriptures?
Do you remember how the old danced, and the young cheered?
Do you remember how the trumpet and the lute and the symbols sounded out praises?
Do you remember?

Yes, I remember!

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(Spoken in Unison)

**O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!**

Do you remember the thunder of fish, flapping in boats, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, how rough fisherman tended the broken nets?
Do you remember those nets left abandoned at the call to follow?
Do you remember throngs of people gathered on hillsides to hear the great teacher, how Jesus spoke with compassion, and love, and truth?
Do you remember?

Yes, I remember!

Do you remember standing on the high mountain, with Peter, James and John and the brilliant light, dazzling, from the face of Jesus?
Do you remember how Moses and Elijah talked with him, and how the great voice spoke and called Jesus, 'Beloved'?
Do you remember how frightening it all was, and yet, how wonderful at the same time?
Do you remember?

Yes, I remember!

Do you remember that night, when Jesus gathered with his friends, when he took a loaf of bread, raised it in thanksgiving, And looking into the eyes of his friends, he broke the loaf
And do you remember the strange words he spoke:
"Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this, in remembrance of me"
Do you remember?

Yes, I remember!

And do you remember how his hands grasped the cup, raised it up, And with passion in his eyes he said;
"This is the cup of the new relationship with God, drink from it in remembrance of me"
Do you remember?

Yes, I remember!

With faith, we remember!

In faith we do more than just remember –

We experience the presence of Christ here with us,

Thanks be to God!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *(Spoken in Unison)*

**Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Together we remember and pray the words of Jesus....

**Our Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, God for making our family whole through the power of your holy spirit. Being fed by your love, may we be strengthen as we in turn put your love into action.
Amen.

HYMN

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

VU#664

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

(Rev. Audrey Louder)

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

All: Thanks be to God!

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ADMISSION

Rev. Jean Herman



Rev. Jean HERMAN is currently serving Tabusintac Pastoral Charge in New Brunswick. I was born in Mauritius Island, at 13 years old I immigrated in Belgium adopted by my aunt who lived in Belgium. Mauritius Island is a multicultural society, and my family is also multicultural, so I am open to every culture. In Belgium I have studied at the IBB (Institut Biblique de Belgique, Institut supérieur de sciences religieuses). Since 1995 -2001, I have worked as a religion teacher in Belgium and in Germany. I also served in a church (Chapelle Baptiste de Jemeppe) as an assistant pastor and then I become an ordained pastor in 2001 at the same church.

2001-2009: served as an ordained Baptist Pastor at La Chapelle Baptiste de Jemeppe

2003 to 2009: I have also worked like a chaplain in several prisons in Belgium. Chaplaincy ministry has provided me a great challenge I have learned to be sensitive to the needs of those who are struggling with

difficulty, crisis, loneliness, to represent God in times of affliction and sorrow and to be open to dialogue between chaplains with other faith and philosophies.

2009 to 2014: I have immigrated to Canada in 2009 with my wife and 2 children and I have served as an ordained pastor at the church l'Assemblée Évangélique Baptiste Népisiguit, an Acadian Baptist church in the town of Bathurst, NB. I have spent a wonderful time serving this church, the members have become good friends.

2010-2013: Volunteer in Multicultural Association Chaleur Region, I have been the secretary and the president. Welcoming and integrating newcomers in our country is a wonderful experience, my background has been a good experience to serve our newcomers and to raise awareness in our region.

2014-2020: I have quit the Baptist Church and become part as a member of The United Church of Canada. By the help of Rev. Blair Lewis who has been a great mentor for me, I have applied for an admission process in The United Church of Canada.

2015-2018: Pulpit Supply ministry for the UCC in Loggieville, Black River, Hardwick, Napam, Bathurst, Clifton and Campbellton.

2018-2019: Part time minister at First United Church Bathurst from October 2018 to February 2019 during their process for the search of a new minister.

October 2019-2020: Part-time Minister at Tabusintac Pastoral charge

November 2019: covenanting service at St Andrew Church United to celebrate my new ministry positions to serve the Tabusintac Pastoral Charge which included St. Andrew's United, Tabusintac and Bethel United, Millbank.

I'm waiting now for the next regional meeting to prepare the ordination/recognition/Admission process into the UCC and the "Celebration of Ministries".

Serving in St Andrew and Bethel is so enjoyable. I feel connected with the members and we share mutual respect and joy to work together to better serve the Lord. It is a blessing for me to work with the session, the choir and the other committees, they worked behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly and I am very thankful to God to see members involved in their churches, the nursing home and in their town. May God always give them the love to serve one another.

2015-2020 I'm also working as a health care attendant in a foyer for dementia resident, it's a wonderful job where I learn everyday to give time, energy and attention to our senior resident.

ADMISSION

Rev. Christine Schulze, B.Ed., M.Div.



Born in Calgary, and raised on a small family farm in Hillsburgh, Ontario. I enjoyed early employment as a nanny, treeplanter and preschool teachers aid, leading me to post secondary education in Calgary (B.Ed.) & Vancouver School of Theology (M.Div). Ordained in the Presbyterian Church of Canada in 1996 to a four point rural charge in Tyne Valley, PEI.

In 2008, I left ministry and spent the next 10 years teaching and self-employed. A small rural United Church invited me to pulpit supply in December, 2017. Bedeque North Pastoral Charge then invited me to work part time for them leading worship.

Sensing an outward call to return to ministry I began to work with their 3 part charge in 2018, leading worship and outreach.

I am a mom to two teenagers and part-time self-employed baker at the Summerside Farmers Market. Gratitude and thanksgiving are the titles of the songs I currently sing.

Blessings and peace to all of you who take the time to read this. Thank-you.

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