

The United Church of Canada  
Bathurst Pastoral Charge  
First United Church, Bathurst  
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October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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**Custodian** Steve White

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**Greeters** Gary Branch &  
Shirley Sealy

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<u>Lectionary for Today</u> Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u> Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46
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**Today's Music Leader:** Linda Knowles MacPherson

GATHERING

**MUSIC AS WE GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CENTERING FOR WORSHIP** - "This Is the Day" – MV #122

***This is the day that God has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad!  
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we will rejoice and be glad!  
Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,  
singing hal-le-lu!  
We will rejoice and be glad!  
Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,  
singing hal-le-lu!  
We will rejoice and be glad!***

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**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

...“Who am I?” “Where am I going?” “What am I supposed to do?”  
“Who am I supposed to be?”

**Good questions!**

...“Who are you?” “Is there a God?” “Why do bad things happen to good people?”

**Difficult questions!**

Where are the answers? Do you have them?

**Yes... and no.**

Does God have them?

**Yes... and no.**

Where do I find them?

**The answers to our questions come in our living. The answers to our questions come in our searching. The answers to our questions come in our journeying together with each other and with God.**

So, when we ask our questions, when we search for answers...

**We worship!**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**GATHERING HYMN** – “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” - VU #374

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, face to face, making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

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In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

**PRAYER OF HUMILITY** (responsively)

...Reveal yourself in all your glory and guide us in the ways of  
goodness and mercy.

**Teach us to see, hear, feel and know your presence—today  
and always.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** – “Jesus, You Fill Our Hearts” - MV #101

*Jesus, you fill our hearts with your love,  
our minds with your peace,  
and our lives  
with your joy.*

**GREETING ONE ANOTHER** (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**SHARING A STORY** (with those of all ages)

**SINGING A SONG** – “Jesus, Friend of Little Children” – VU #340

Jesus, friend of little children,  
let me be one too;  
take my hand, and ever keep me  
close to you.

Teach me how to grow in goodness,  
daily as I grow.  
You have been a child, and surely  
you must know.

Never leave me, nor forsake me;  
ever be my friend;  
for I need you, from life's dawning  
to its end.

*ENGAGING*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Anne Brooks*

Exodus 33:12-23

Matthew 22:15-22

**REFLECTION**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**GIFT OF MUSIC** – “My God and I” *Linda Knowles-MacPherson*

*RESPONDING*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

*Bev Murphy*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

**Holy One,  
out of our privilege we give.  
Out of our longing, we seek your face.  
Bless these gifts, we pray, knowing we give them freely to  
support whatever ministry you may chose.  
Amen**

**SHARING OUR CONCERNS** – “I Am the Dream” – MV #106 (Verse  
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*I am the dream and you the dreamer.  
I am the song and you are the rhyme.  
You are the tune sung in ev'ry silence.  
You are the now in the endless stream of time.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** – VU #921 (Ecumenical Version) (in unison)

**Our Father 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 for ever.  
Amen.**

*GOING OUT (as God's people)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CLOSING HYMN** – "Take My Life and Let It Be" – VU #506

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, all for thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: and I will pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

## BLESSING

**CHORAL SENDING FORTH** – "May the God of Peace" – MV #224

***May the God of peace and of all good,  
may the God of peace and of all good  
be always with you. Amen!  
May God's peace be with you. Amen!***

*(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)*



## **Church News**

### *In loving Memory Of Betty Chamberlain & Grandson Bradley*

#### *Chamberlain*

*From Family*

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### *In loving memory of Rodney Scott*

*From Elna*

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### *In Loving memory of Vivian Howatt*

*From, Barbara, Nadine, Patricia & their Families*

**Peanut Butter Update** To date, 356 jars have been collected and \$885.00 towards the purchase of Peanut Butter has been given to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. Peanut butter can be dropped off at the church office anytime during business hours; cheques can be delivered or mailed to the Bathurst Volunteer Center at 464 King Ave. Bathurst NB E2A 1P5. Please indicate on your cheque that it is for the purchase of Peanut Butter for the First United contribution.

#### **Information Sheet for In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary**

Revised October 15, 2020

Please do not attend or plan to attend:

- If you have any symptoms of COVID-19:
  - fever or signs of a fever (such as chills)
  - new cough or worsening of a chronic cough
  - sore throat

- headache
- runny nose
- new onset of fatigue
- new onset of muscle pain
- diarrhea
- loss of taste or smell,
- Have travelled outside the Atlantic Bubble within 14 days, or
- Have had close contact with anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- You will need to register at the church office before 2.00 p.m. each Friday for the following Sunday's service. Your name and phone number for you and those attending with you in your bubble will be recorded by Christina.
- On Sunday morning, you will be met at the door by a greeter wearing a mask who will:
  - Ask you the above screening question, and
  - Confirm your name(s) and phone number(s) on the list provided by the church office.
  - If there is sufficient space with physical distancing, attendees who have not pre-registered will be welcome to enter, and their names and contact information will be added to the registration list.
  - Unfortunately, if there is insufficient space, non-registered people may need to be turned away, and will be given information about the church website and Facebook page.
- Each person in the church is expected to:
  - Wear a mask at all times
  - Use hand-sanitizer upon arrival and when leaving
  - Maintain a physical distance of at least 2 meters or 6 feet at all times with anyone outside your bubble.
  - Not shake hands or touch or hug others.
- Offering plates will be available on a table in the entry for you to place your offering, on the way in or out.

- Please go directly into the Sanctuary and be seated. You are to remain seated for the whole service. However, if you need to use the washroom, please do so.
- Coats and hats are to be taken into the Sanctuary.
- No congregational or choir singing is allowed.
- There will be no hand-shaking or moving around during the Passing of the Peace. Please smile or wave to others.
- There will be no Sunday School at this time, and children will need to remain in their seats during Children's Time and during the whole service.
- There will be one or two video cameras at the back of the Sanctuary, as the service will be recorded for viewing later on the church website and Facebook page.
- When the service is over:
  - Rev. Neal will remain in the pulpit and the organist/pianist will remain at the organ or piano,
  - You will be asked to exit pew by pew starting at the back, and to go directly to the parking lot or your vehicle,
  - Please take your bulletin home or put it in the blue bin in the narthex.
  - There will be no serving of refreshments, and
  - Please respect the physical distancing requirements while outside in the parking lot.

Many thanks to each of you for helping us meet the Provincial Health requirements. As uncomfortable or difficult as these procedures may be, by all of us doing so, we will help with keeping our families, congregation and community healthy, and allows us to share worship with our church family.

Your COVID-19 Response Team,

Sandra Boone  
 Bev Murphy  
 Ian Oliver  
 Jini Palmer

Rev. Neal Palmer  
 Brenda Parrott  
 Lester Scott  
 Martha Vickers

## Moses' Intercession

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup> Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup> He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

<sup>17</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup> Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." <sup>19</sup> And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." <sup>21</sup> And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup> then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

## Matthew 22:15-22

### The Question about Paying Taxes

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup> They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.