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Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for Today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Genesis 9:8-17	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 25:1-10	Psalm 22:23-31
1 Peter 3:18-22	Romans 4:13-25
Mark 1:9-15	Mark 8:31-38

The flowers in the sanctuary today
are in loving memory of Rodney Scott, brothers and sisters,
placed by Elna & Lela

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP "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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN

"Water Flowing from the Mountains" MV # 87

Water flowing from the mountains.
Water flowing o'er the earth.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water gives us birth.

(Chorus)

**Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings, and living water brings
the love that makes our spirit grow.**

Water rushing down the rivers.
Water rushing to the sea.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water makes us free.

(Chorus)

Water springing from the dry place.
Water springing in the sun.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water for each one.

(Chorus)

LENTEN TENEBRAE

Lent 1 – Psalm 25

...As we extinguish this light today, we remember the ways we've
listened to the world's voice instead of yours. Fill us, we pray, with
the courage needed to rise above the secular norm that we may walk
in your path.

(Silent confession as first candle is extinguished.)

CHORAL RESPONSE

Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New" - MV #115

*Behold, behold, I make all things new
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.*

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

SINGING A SONG "God's Rainbow"

Take a look around you, what do you see?
The beautiful rainbow of God's family.
Though we're all different, no two of us the same,
God loves each of us and calls us by name.
(name), you are a child of God,
made in the image of your Creator.
(name) and (name) you are God's children too.
God loves me and God loves you!

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Brooke Knowles & Helen Knowles*

Based on Mark 1:9-15

Genesis 9:8-17

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC

Martha Vickers

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Holy One,
in all we do, in all we say,
and in all we give,
may we live out our covenant
to care for all creation.
Amen**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

**Our Father, 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 forever
and ever.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as God's people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" VU #644

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

BLESSING

CHORAL SENDING FORTH

"Stay with Us through the Night" VU # 182

***Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning breaks again.***

POSTLUDE

Church News

Please note the office hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, closed for lunch from 12:00 to 12:30.

Peanut Butter Update As of February 19, 2021, 65 jars of Peanut Butter have been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. Peanut butter can be dropped off at the church office anytime during office 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.

World Day of Prayer 2021 will be held on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Evangel Pentecostal Church, 150 Basin Road, Bathurst if we have returned to **YELLOW** phase, however only the first 50 people will be allowed entry. If we continue to be in the **ORANGE** phase, please watch on line instead at www.WICC.org

GENESIS 9:8-17

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.^[a] ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

MARK 1: 9-15

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved;^[a] with you I am well pleased.”

The Temptation of Jesus

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news^[b] of God,^[c] ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;^[d] repent, and believe in the good news.”^[e]