

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**May 30, 2021**  
**Baptism**

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<b><u>Lectionary for today</u></b>	<b><u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u></b>
Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	1 Samuel 8:4-20 Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1 Mark 3:20-35
<p>The bulletins are in memory of my parents and husband placed by Margaret Payne-Chenard  <b>"death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal"</b> <i>(Anonymous)</i></p> <p><i>AND</i></p> <p>also in loving memory of Karla Young White and her father Norman R. Young from Edith and family</p>	

*The asterisk \* identifies those times in the service where the congregation is invited to stand as able.*

*GATHERING*

**MUSIC AS WE GATHER**

**WELCOME**



**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE** *(responsively)*

...They differ because the various evangelists recorded the experiences of Jesus' life as they remembered them throughout the three years of his ministry, his death, and resurrection.

**All four authors remember the challenge in understanding Jesus' teachings and his Way.**

Today, on this Trinity Sunday, we're invited to consider the mystery and power of God – Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer – who calls us into new life and service.

**May we receive the inspiration offered in its entirety.**

*The Christ candle is lit.*

**CENTERING FOR WORSHIP**

MV #62

"There Is Room for All"

***There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;  
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.  
And I rejoice and sing,  
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."  
There is room for all, there is room for all***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**GATHERING HYMN**

VU #415

"God, We Praise You for the Morning" (vs. 1-5)

God, we praise you for the morning;  
hope springs forth with each new day,  
new beginning, prayer and promise,  
joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation,  
mountains, seas, and prairie land.  
waking souls find joy and healing  
in your bountiful hand.

God, we praise you for compassion,  
all the loving that you show;  
human touching, tears, and laughter,  
help your children to grow.

God, we praise you for your Spirit,  
Comforter and daily friend,  
restless searcher, gentle teacher,  
strength and courage you send.

God, we praise you for the Savior,  
come that we may know your ways.  
in his loving, dying, rising,  
Christ is Lord of our days.

### **PRAYER OF HUMILITY**

### **CHORAL RESPONSE**

"And When You Call for Me"

MV #96

***And when you call for me,  
I have already answered.  
And when you call for me,  
I am already there.***

**\*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**

"Wind is Moving" (2x)

Wind is moving over water,  
patterns shifting out across the bay.  
Grass is bending on the hillside;  
clouds are drifting right across the sky.  
O Holy Spirit, move over all our lives.  
O Holy Spirit, move over all our lives.

## *CELEBRATING BAPTISM*

### **BAPTISMAL HYMN**

VU #453

"Out of Deep, Unordered Water"

*[Parents and child gather near baptismal font during hymn.]*

Out of deep, unordered water  
God created land and life;  
world of bird and beast, and later,  
two-some people, husband, wife.

*Refrain*

*There is water in the river  
bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver:  
there is water in the font.*

Water on the human forehead,  
birthmark of the love of God,  
is the sign of death and rising;  
through the sea there runs a road.

*Refrain*

Standing round the font reminds us  
of the Hebrews' climb ashore.  
Life is hallowed by the knowledge:  
God has been this way before.

*Refrain*

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE**

*(Anne Brooks – Representing the Christian Development Team)*

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES**

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has  
come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and  
who works in us and others by the Spirit?

**I do, by the grace of God.**

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words and actions?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, and to love and serve others?

**I will, God being my helper.**

### **COMMITMENT OF PARENTS**

In baptism, Emelyn marks an important step in her journey of faith.

Will you, as her parents, share your faith with her, growing with her in faith, hope, and love?

**We will, God being our helper.**

### **COMMITMENT OF GODPARENTS** *Meghan Poole & Tyler Mullin*

Recognizing that many persons nurture and influence the life of a child, will you support Emelyn and her parents as they grow in faith?

**I will, God being my helper.**

### **\*CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT** *(responsively)*

As the congregation of First United Church, do you commit yourselves to support and nurture these persons within a community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

**We do, by the grace of God.**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "A New Creed" – VU #918** *(in unison)*

**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.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE POURING OF WATER** *(responsively)*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is good to give thanks and praise.**

Spirit God, we bless you for the gift of life, and within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation.

By water, comes the growth of earth. Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was baptized.

Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do here, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ.

**Amen.**

### **THE ACT OF BAPTISM** *(responsively)*

Emelyn Morgan Boucher,

I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**MARKING WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS** *(responsively)*

Emelyn, child of God, from this day forward, you bear the sign of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**LAYING ON OF HANDS** *(responsively)*

Emelyn, may the Holy Spirit, Love’s power, guide you, inspire you, and work within you, all the days of your life.

**Amen.**

**PLACEMENT OF BANNER SHEEP**

**LIGHTING OF A CANDLE** *(responsively)*

*[Baptismal Candle lit from Christ Candle, signifying the light of Christ, and as a reminder of the link between baptism and Easter.]*

Emelyn, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

**Amen.**

*[The candle is passed to Emelyn’s parents.]*

**PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE**

Emelyn, receive this Bible and hear what the Spirit is saying to you and the Church.

*[A Bible is presented to Emelyn’s parents.]*

**BAPTISMAL STOLE** *(responsively)*

*[Baptismal Stole is draped around Emelyn’s shoulders.]*

Emelyn, you have put on Christ. In Christ you have been baptized.

**Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**DECLARATION AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME**

*[A Certificate of Baptism is given to Emelyn’s parents.]*

In the name of Jesus Christ, Emelyn has been received into the holy catholic church, the body of Christ in the world.

*[The congregation is invited to applaud.]*

**BLESSING** *(responsively)*

Emelyn,

the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, the Holy Spirit keep you. And always.

**Amen.**

*[Participants return to their pew]*

*ENGAGING*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Anne Brooks*

Isaiah 6:1-8

John 3:1-17

**REFLECTION**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

*Martha Vickers*

*RESPONDING*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

*Bev Murphy*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** *(in unison)*

**Generous One,  
we give thanks that your love knows no bounds.  
We give thanks that your sacrifice endures forever.  
Comforting and Sustaining One,  
multiply these gifts and the offerings of our hearts, we pray,  
to relieve the world of its pain.  
Awaken us to know and to do your will.  
Amen**

**MEDITATIVE MUSIC**

**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**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

VU #606

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great family of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding human-kind.

Join hands, then people of the faith,  
what e'er your race may be;  
all children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christ like souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

**BLESSING**

**CHORAL CLOSING**

"May the Peace of God Be Your Peace" MV #222

***May the peace of God be your peace.  
May the love of God be the love you show.  
May the joy of God be the joy you know,  
And may the world that God would see be found in you.***

*(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)*

**POSTLUDE:**

*When babies look beyond you and giggle,  
maybe they're seeing angels.*

*~ Eileen Elias Freeman ~*

# Church News

**Summer Hours** - Starting June 1 until Labour Day the church office hours will be Monday to Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM Closed 12 to 12:30

**Peanut Butter Update** – As of May 27, 2021, 243 jars of Peanut Butter have been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. Thank you to those who have dropped off peanut butter or made donations directly to the Bathurst Volunteer Centre for the First United contribution. These jars/donations are not included in the count noted above.

From October 30, 2020 until May 25, 2021 there have been monetary donations in the amount of \$215 made under First United Church, and from January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup> an additional 149 jars were dropped off directly to the Volunteer Center making a total of **392 jars** donated under First United Church.

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.

**Ways & Means Committee Meeting** will be held on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in the Donald Eddy Hall gymnasium. All COVID protocols will be in place and wearing of a mask is mandatory.

**Reminder** – As the in-person worship services have resumed, if you plan to attend the service, please call the church office at 546-3532 by **Thursday** morning, and give Margaret the name(s) and phone number(s) for yourself and anyone in your bubble who will be sitting with you. A seating plan will be pre-arranged based on the required physical distancing rules. *As seating capacity will be much less than usual, please call the office if your plans change and you are unable to attend.* On-line services will continue, on a delayed basis, as the in-person service will be recorded and then uploaded to the church website and Facebook page as soon as possible.

**Annual General Meeting** will be held on Sunday June 13, 2021 following the church service. COVID 19 protocols will be in place including proper social distancing. We hope you will be able to attend.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS -NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

### Isaiah 6:1-8

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

3 And one called to another and said:  
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

5 And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

### JOHN 3:1-17

1 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

3 Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.'

8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

11 "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?"

13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.