

*The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge*

First United Church, Bathurst
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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 24 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43
<i>The flowers this morning are in loving memory of Hope Scott from children, grandchildren and great grandchildren</i>	
<i>We welcome Helen Knowles who is leading us today in worship. Thank you!</i>	

*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

& CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

One: The Christ Candle reminds us that Jesus is God's gift of love to us.

All: And that in Him, the light of love triumphs over any darkness in our lives.

The Christ candle is lit.

One: We gather to praise God

All: who sees the sparrow fall.

One: We gather to praise God

All: who sees us when we fall.

One: We gather to praise God

All: for the hands that gently lift us up.

One: We gather with grateful hearts

**All: for the fresh breezes of spring,
the rain that nourishes new life
and for the warmth of the sun.**

One: Let us worship our loving & generous God.

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.***

GATHERING PRAYER:

***GATHERING HYMN:**

VU #374

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

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.

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:

CHORAL RESPONSE: "How Deep the Peace" MV #95

**How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed.**

***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 Came a Child Like Me" VU #583

Jesus came, a child like me,
so the face of God I'd see,
God is not left far away,
God is with us every day.

Refrain

*Live, Jesus, near us, live, Jesus, with us,
live, Jesus, in us, come live in us today.*

Jesus came to show us all
ways to answer our God's call
came to show us how to share,
came to live with God's own care.

Refrain

*Live, Jesus, near us, live, Jesus, with us,
live, Jesus, in us, come live in us today.*

Jesus came, God's work to do,
came to live in me and you,
came to turn the world around
till God's peace and love are found.

Refrain

*Live, Jesus, near us, live, Jesus, with us,
live, Jesus, in us, come live in us today.*

Jesus came to show God's face,
live God's love, and be God's grace.
God lives now in me, in you,
God's at work in what we do.

Refrain

*Live, Jesus, near us, live, Jesus, with us,
live, Jesus, in us, come live in us today.*

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isabel MacLaggan

Job 6: 1-9 Job's Monologue

Romans 8: 31-32, 35 & 37-39 God's Love in Christ Jesus

REFLECTION: "Hope in Difficult Times"

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC:

Martha Vickers

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

***OFFERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

**Creator God, whose hand has given us all that we possess,
we have benefited from your generosity.**

May others, in turn, benefit from our gifts. Use us and enable us to use these gifts, to reach out in loving compassion, justice & hope. 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:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" VU #288

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

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:



Church News

Summer Hours - the church office will be closed on Fridays. The hours are now Monday to Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM Closed 12 to 12:30

The Upper Room for July and August are in the Narthex as well as on the table under the office window. Please feel free to take one. A container for donations is located with the publication.

Peanut Butter Update - As of June 17, 2021, 297 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.

Thank you to Jonathan McCallum for donating a touchless hand sanitizing station.

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 10 AM **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 in due course.

*"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back
nor a sail to take us there,
but a guiding light whose love shows us the way."*

-Author unknown

UNITED CHURCH CREED

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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS - NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

Job 6: 1-9 Job's Monologue

Then Job answered:

1-2 "O that my vexation were weighed,
and all my calamity laid in the balances!

3 For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea;
therefore my words have been rash.

4 For the arrows of the Almighty are in me;
my spirit drinks their poison;
the terrors of God are arrayed against me.

5 Does the wild ass bray over its grass,
or the ox low over its fodder?

6 Can that which is tasteless be eaten without salt,
or is there any flavor in the juice of mallows?

7 My appetite refuses to touch them;
they are like food that is loathsome to me.

8 "O that I might have my request,
and that God would grant my desire;

9 that it would please God to crush me,
that he would let loose his hand and cut me off!

Romans 8: 31-32, 35 & 37-39

God's Love in Christ Jesus

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.