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Bathurst Pastoral Charge
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<p><u>Lectionary for today</u> 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13</p>	<p><u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u> 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29</p>
<p><i>The bulletin today is placed by Bernice Jardine, in loving memory of her husband, George Jardine</i></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

Friends, the light is all around us—
 a sign of the season.



The Christ candle is lit.

...Thanks be to Creator for fire and sun, for flame and symbol, for Christ's light.

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP "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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Jesus became the talk of the town and was highly criticized

when he ate with those considered unclean and unacceptable.

The apostle Paul was challenged and criticized

when he visited those considered unclean and unacceptable.

Acceptance, generosity, healing, forgiveness:

those are the words that defined what Jesus was all about .

Acceptance, generosity, healing, forgiveness:

the early church shaped their life together around those spiritual practices as well.

Acceptance, generosity, healing, forgiveness:

may these words define our life together as a congregation and the way each of us lives and works in the world.

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN

VU #409

"Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning,
 blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Listen, God Is Calling"

MV #97

*Listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness,
comfort and joy.*

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER** *(responsively)*

.....Peace be with you!

And also with you.

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

SINGING A SONG "Friend to Friend"

Let us now as God's own people,
give the sign of peace,
proclaiming our love for one another,
binding friend to friend.

*Chorus
Christ Jesus calls us to love one another,
to be one in him,
friend to friend, in love to each other,
we shall give our hands.*

In our care for one another,
by each kindly word,
by ev'ry loving deed, we make known
the love of Jesus Christ.

Chorus

We feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
give drink to those who thirst,
for Jesus came in love as a servant
and we follow him.

Chorus

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wayne Lord

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Mark 6:1-13

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC "This Path We Walk" *Emma Vickers*
(See back page of bulletin) *(Previously recorded July 5, 2020)*

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

**Holy One,
thanks for entrusting us with your message and for teaching
us your healing ways.
Thanks for your generosity of bread, clothing and money of
which you spoke so long ago.**

**These are items we can't imagine travelling without, and yet basics many people struggle to attain.
Receive our offering today, we pray. May it be used to ease the suffering of those here in our hometown and beyond.
Amen and amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...And yet, let us also be content with whatever hardships we bear, for, as Paul reminds us, when we admit our weaknesses, we discover your strength.

Change our hearts and lives, we pray.

When the world's leaders fail to act justly, give them wisdom and courage.

Change our hearts and lives, we pray.

When the church falters in its efforts on your behalf, renew our spirits and our determination.

Change our hearts and lives, we pray.

When we second-guess our ability to do your will, restore our sense of purpose.

Change our hearts and lives, we pray.

When our plans run aground, and our offers of help are refused,

send us back on the road.

Help us, we pray, and transform us.

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

VU #684

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

Refrain

*O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Refrain

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Refrain

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

BLESSING

Church News

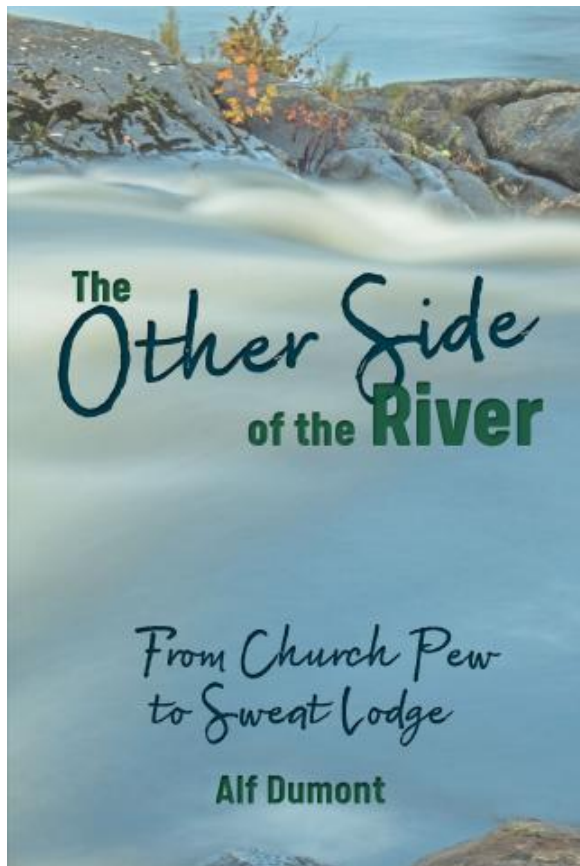
CHORAL CLOSING

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

***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.)

POSTLUDE:



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

Peanut Butter Update - As of June 30, 2021, 319 jars of Peanut Butter have been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center.

This total does not include the monetary donations nor the jars dropped off directly at Volunteer Center which totalled close to 150 additional jars at the end of May.

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.

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. 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.

Community News

The Anglican Parish of New Bandon will be holding a bake sale and strawberry shortcake take-out on Wednesday, July 14 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Christ Church Hall, 6836 Route 11, Clifton. A variety of baked goods will be on sale and strawberry shortcakes will be served as takeout at a cost of \$5. Covid protocols will be in place.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

2 SAMUEL 5:1-5, 9-10

David Anointed King of All Israel

¹ Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh.

² For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel."

³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

⁵ At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁹ David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward.

¹⁰ And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

MARK 6:1-13

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

¹ He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.

² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all

this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary^[a] and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense^[b] at him.

⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."

⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

The Mission of the Twelve

Then he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;

⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.

¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."

¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.

¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

From Apology towards Reconciliation
30th Anniversary of the United Church's Apology to
First Nations Peoples

This Path We Walk

Tune: "O WALY WALY (GIFT OF LOVE)" – 8888 (372 in Voices United)

This path we walk, through joy and tears,
a living Way of faith and fears,
through each step's risk, each sorrow's pain,
when walked in love, we'll rise again.

When life is shared, together, free
we'll grow to be all we can be:
a circle wide will call us home,
when wrapped in love, we're not alone.

These gifts we bring, this light we hold,
our songs of grace, our stories told,
remain un-done, told just in part,
till shared in love, and known by heart.

When life is shared, together bound,
God's richest gifts, together found;
together walk the Spirit's Way
when love's the guide, we shall not stray.

This life we share, a blessing deep;
a promised gift, now ours to keep.
God grant our words were spoken true,
now clothed in life, each day anew.

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Lyrics by S. Curtis Tufts
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"I was a commissioner from Saskatchewan Conference at the 1986 General Council in Sudbury and have a vivid memory of the evening when the Apology was brought on our behalf by the Moderator to the waiting Elders. The whole council was gathered in an amazing circle dance around a bonfire as the Moderator and Elders met in a tipi nearby. I remember clearly the strong feeling that we were in the midst of a historic turning point kind of moment. I hope that, as a part of our acknowledging the anniversary of that moment, this hymn will remind us of the need to continue faithfully on the journey that was begun then."