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<u>Lectionary for today</u> 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u> 2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
<i>Today's bulletin is in loving memory of Cleveland Jagoe placed by Alice and the family</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

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)*

From the dawn of creation,
we have been called by name.
From before we were born,
we were loved as God's own.
In moments of joy,
we are given the Spirit's presence.
In seasons of struggle,
we are lavished with grace.
Now, in this moment of worship,
we are brought together as people of the Way.
Here in this sacred space,
we are marked with God's Spirit.
Let's lift our heads, we pray,
and open our hearts.

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN

"I Danced in the Morning"

VU #352

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

(Refrain)

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John;
they came with me and the dance went on.

(Refrain)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die.

(Refrain)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.

(Refrain)

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

(Refrain)

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

Holy One, when we were called to be your children,
sometimes—we turned away and rebelled.
When we were called to steward creation,
sometimes—we used the land for our own benefit.
When we were called to love our neighbor,
sometimes—we chose to love ourselves.
When we were called to generosity,
sometimes—we kept the resources we had in our pockets.
When we were called to be peacemakers,
sometimes—we supported systems of violence.
When we were called to be voices of justice,
sometimes—we remained silent in the face of suffering.

Work with us, we pray,
**clean our hands from inaction, purify our hearts from
disobedience, and give us the grace to live and work in your
Way.**

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

Catherine Eddy

Ephesians 1:3-14

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, as we have been loved, may we love others.
As we have been fed, may we feed others.
As we have received beyond measure, may we share with one
another—and generously.
Amen**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS *(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 "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" VU #559

Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger, precious presence, precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

BLESSING

CHORAL CLOSING "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.)

POSTLUDE

Today

Take life one day at a time.
Enjoy what there is to enjoy TODAY.
The past cannot be changed.
Fill your life with new pleasures TODAY.
Stop worrying about a future
that may or may not happen.
See the exciting possibilities of TODAY.

Say, out loud, right now:
I will make the most of TODAY!

By Joanna Fuchs

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

Peanut Butter Update - As of July 8, 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.

A Special Thank You to our Volunteers in June:

Counters – Anne Brooks and Pat Thibideau
Greeters – Gary Branch, Shirley Sealy and Gayle Ferron
Minute for Missions – Bev Murphy
Readers – Catherine Eddy, Sandra Boone, Isabel MacLaggan, and Brenda Parrott
Sound System – Shirley Allain and Ralph Jamieson
Videographer - Don Eddy

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 6:1-5; 12b-19

DAVID BRINGS THE ARK TO JERUSALEM

- 1** David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.
 - 2** David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim.
 - 3** They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart
 - 4** with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark.
 - 5** David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.
- 12b** It was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing;
- 13** and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.
- 14** David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod.
- 15** So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.
- 16** As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.
- 17** They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD.

18 When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts,

19 and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

MARK 6: 14-29

THE DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

15 But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.

18 For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,

20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it."

23 And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."

25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight

9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,

10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,

12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;

14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.