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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21
<i>This week's bulletin is dedicated to Donald McLean, loving husband and father, from Alice and family</i>	

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

...Light of presence, refining light, light of Christ.

The Christ Candle is lit.



CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

VU #82 (*Refrain Only*)

"A Light is Gleaming"

***A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.***

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

The Spirit's faithfulness is as high as the clouds.

God's love stretches everywhere.

The Spirit's righteousness is as tall as the biggest mountains.

God's love stretches everywhere.

The Spirit's justice is as deep as the ocean.

God's love stretches everywhere.

The Spirit's love is big enough for everyone.

God's love stretches everywhere.

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN

VU #530

"All Beautiful the March of Days"

All beautiful the march of days,
as seasons come and go;
the hand that shaped the rose has wrought
the crystal of the snow,
has sent the silvery frost of heaven,
the flowing waters sealed,
and laid a silent loveliness
on hill and wood and field.

O'er white expanses sparkling pure
the radiant morns unfold;
the solemn splendours of the night
burn brighter through the cold;
life mounts in every throbbing vein,
love deepens round the hearth,
and clearer sounds the angel hymn,
good will to all on earth.

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

VU #400

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(responsively)*

...God, in your kindness,

Response: hear our prayer.

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 #606

"In Christ There is No East or West"

(tune St. Peter VU34)

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 humankind.

Join hands, then people of the faith,
whate'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

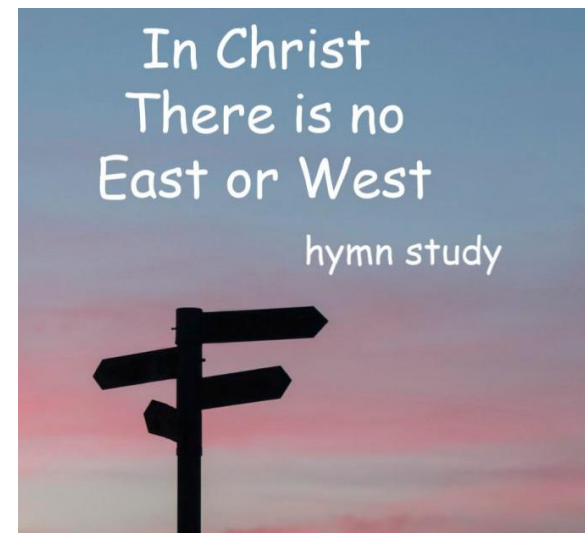
CHORAL CLOSING

"Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light" MV #211

*Go now in peace,
guided by the light of Christ,
so you may be
nourished by the Word of Life.*

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

POSTLUDE



Church News

The regular church office hours are Monday to Friday 9 AM to 3 PM.

The Ways & Means Team is disappointed to announce the postponement of the Take-Out Pork Supper that was scheduled for January 27th due to the Covid Pandemic. The Team is hopeful that a March supper can be held as a takeout...but Covid will decide that for us!!

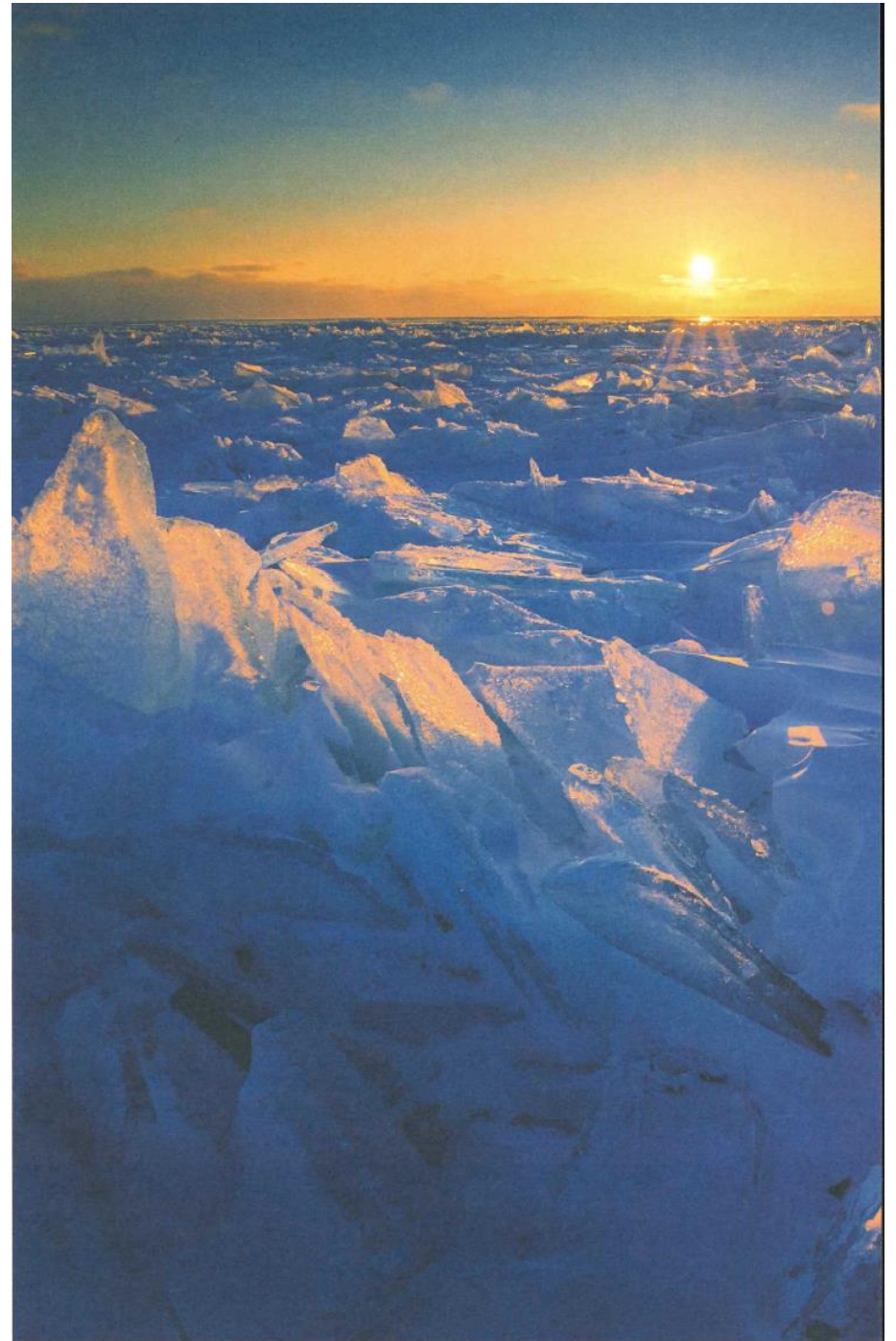
On line services should be available for Sunday mornings on the church website or on our Facebook page. Bulletins can be found on the website as well.

Reminder – When in person worship services resume you will need to register with the church office, either by telephone (546-3532) or email (firstadmin@nb.aibn.com) before noon each Friday for the following Sunday's service.

Peanut Butter Update As of January 13, 2022, 5 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.

Please Note - In an effort to assist the Bathurst Volunteer Center, should you wish to make a monetary donation you may now do so by **issuing your cheque to First United Church**, indicating it is to be used for the purchase of Peanut Butter. Your donation will be marked as such and will be included on your annual tax receipt. Your cheques can be dropped off at the church office or mailed to 309 St. Patrick Street, Bathurst NB E2A 1E2. Periodically someone from our Community Outreach Team will purchase the peanut butter and have it delivered directly to the Volunteer Center.

***The flowers at the front of the sanctuary
are in loving memory of Donald McLean
from Alice and family.***



AN INTERESTING IDEA FOR 2022

Around the New Testament in 80 Days.

Our United Church Moderator, Richard Bott, is inviting us to read through the New Testament between now and Easter.

He is selecting five readings a week and suggesting for each we ponder these questions:

- Was there anything here that surprised me, or jumped out at me?
- What did I learn (if anything) about being a disciple of Jesus when the text was written?
- What might this text be saying to my life, today? What might God be inviting me to do or be through my understanding?

Each reading takes about 15 minutes – and you can easily catch up if you are a day or two behind!

If interested, checkout Moderator Richard Bott on Facebook -- Around the New Testament in 80 Days - it begins! #InspiredbyScripture.

Each day he will be posting a link on Facebook to the New Revised Standard Version of the reading for the day on <https://www.facebook.com/ModeratorRichardBott>.

If you've got thoughts or comments about the reading, you'll be welcome to post them as comments on the daily posts.

Here's the list for the first 8 weeks:

Week 1

03-Jan Mark 1-2 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507873319>
04-Jan Mark 3-4 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507873361>
04-Jan Mark 5-6 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507873389>
06-Jan Mark 7-8 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507875903>
07-Jan Mark 9-10 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507875937>

Week 2

10-Jan Mark 11-12 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507875964>
11-Jan Mark 13-14 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876110>
12-Jan Mark 15-16 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876136>
13-Jan 1 Thessalonians <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876169>
14-Jan 2 Thessalonians <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876227>

Week 3

17-Jan Galatians 1-3 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876258>
18-Jan Galatians 4-6 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876309>
19-Jan Philippians <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876332>
20-Jan Colossians <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876359>
21-Jan Philemon <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876385>

Week 4

24-Jan Ephesians <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876417>
25-Jan Matthew 1-3 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876436>
26-Jan Matthew 4-7 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876457>
27-Jan Matthew 8-10 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876478>
28-Jan Matthew 11-12 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876496>

Week 5

31-Jan Matthew 13-15 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876514>
01-Feb Matthew 16-18 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876530>
02-Feb Matthew 19-22 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876547>
03-Feb Matthew 23-24 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876574>
04-Feb Matthew 25-26 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876590>

Week 6

07-Feb Matthew 27-28 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876607>
08-Feb 1 Corinthians 1-4 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876626>
09-Feb 1 Corinthians 5-9 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876653>
10-Feb 2 Corinthians 1-6 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876670>
11-Feb 2 Corinthians 7-13 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876689>

Week 7

14-Feb Romans 1-4 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876706>
15-Feb Romans 5-8 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876724>
16-Feb Romans 9-12 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876740>
17-Feb Romans 13-16 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876758>
18-Feb John 1-3 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876783>

Week 8

21-Feb John 4-5 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876805>
22-Feb John 6-8 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876823>
23-Feb John 9-10 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876840>
24-Feb John 11-13 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876860>
25-Feb John 14-16 <https://bible.oremus.org/?q=507876876>

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(New Revised Standard Version)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.

3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2:1-11

1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it.

9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom

10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.