

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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July 16, 2017

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Genesis 25:19-34</i> <i>Psalm 65</i> <i>Romans 8:1-11</i> <i>Matthew 13:1,9,18-23</i>	<i>Genesis 28:10-19a</i> <i>Psalm 86</i> <i>Romans 8:12-25</i> <i>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</i>

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

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

We welcome Helen Knowles today and thank her for leading our service of worship.

Organ Prelude:

***Choral Opening:** 'Praise to the Lord' # 835 VU vs1

***Praise to the Lord,
all of you, God's servants.
Blessed be the name
of our God now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun
may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!***

***Welcoming One Another:**



Lighting of the Christ Candle and Call to Worship:

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.

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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 summer,
the rain that nourishes new life
and for the warmth of the sun.**

One: Let us worship our loving and generous God.

***Opening Hymn:** 'Come and Find the Quiet Centre' #374 VU

Announcements:

Time for All Ages: *Jesus, the Listener*

***Hymn:** 'Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands' #570 VU

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding:

Scripture Readings: Wayne Lord

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

'The Lord Appears to Samuel'

Responsive Psalm: Psalm #116 VU # 836

'A Man Praises God'

New Testament Reading: James 1: 19-27

'Hearing and Doing'

Meditation: "The Value of Listening"

Solo: 'As long as I have music' Kurt Hadley

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Presentation of Gifts and Self to God:

*Choral Response:

'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow' #541 VU
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

*Prayer of Dedication:

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**Creator God,
this is your world and by design,
we are not alone.
We know that you love us
and we know what you ask us to do.
Yet, too often we fail to listen,
to trust or to venture forth.
There are times when we have overlooked
your will for our lives,
times when we have been too busy,
lukewarm or neglectful.
We've silenced our voices,
when words were needed
and failed to reach out,
when hands were required.
We bring before you those elements of our lives
in need of your transforming power
and ask for your forgiving love.
Give us the mind of Christ, that in humility,
we may seek your will and become better stewards
of the life you give. Amen**

Choral Response: *'How Deep the Peace'* #95 MV
***How deep the peace, the confidence.
Of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence.
Of those whose hearts are healed.***

Assurance of Pardon:

Silent Prayer/Reflective Music:

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

*Closing Hymn:

'Put Peace into Each Other's Hands' #173 MV

Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it,
Protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
Be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
Look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.

Give thanks for strong – yet tender hands,
held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fall short, let hands speak out,
the heights of love expressing.

Reach out in friendship, stay with faith
in touch with those around you.
Put peace unto each other's hands;
the Peace that sought and found you

*Commissioning and Benediction:

***Choral Closing:** *'I am Walking a Path of Peace'* (#221 MV)
***I am walking a path of peace
I am walking a path of peace
I am walking a path of peace
lead me home, lead me home.***

Organ Postlude:

Church News

This Week at First United –July 17– July 22

Friday	Office Closed	Summer Hours
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Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2017 **900**

Total to Date **628**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 11-12 jars of peanut butter per week. The Volunteer Center supplies, on average, 500 households monthly.



The Upper Room for July and Aug. are in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one. A container for donations is located with the publication.

Notice from the Property Management Team For security reasons, all doors to the sanctuary will be kept locked except the one closest to the office. To enter the church during business hours, please use the St. Patrick Street entrance.

Summer Hours: June - August the church office hours will be Monday – Thursday, 8-4. Closed 12-1. To enter the church or office during business hours, please use the St. Patrick Street entrance.

The Nominations Team is looking for a volunteer to host the Sunday morning coffee hour for the remainder of July. They are also looking for a volunteer to be the chairperson of the Hospitality and Friendship team. For more information call Rick Watling at 548-9361 or contact the church office.

*Courage
is what it takes to stand up and speak;
Courage
is also what it takes to sit down and listen.
~Winston Churchill*

Community Events

Hospitality Days Breakfast Saturday,

July 22, 2017 8:00 – 10:30 am

Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

Tickets available in advance or at the door : \$ 7.50 for Adults, \$ 4.00 for Children 12 and under Contact Donald Goodspeed (546-5387) or Saint George's Church Office (546-3225)

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, 395 Murray Avenue will be hosting its annual Vacation Bible School from July 17 to July 21. This year's theme is Maker Fun Factory for children ages 4-12. Teens are welcome also. The fun begins at 9:00 am and continues until noon. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join us for the final half hour finale to see what the children learned that day. People from all faith traditions are welcome.

St. Lukes will be hiring 2 summer students this summer to help with Children's ministry. Interested students can contact Rev. Glen Sampson (gsampson3@gmail.com)

Heritage Day in Celebration of Canada 150

An afternoon Tea (sandwiches & small cakes) will be held at Christ Church Hall from 12-2 pm on Sunday July 23, 2017. Some local youth will present Heritage Projects of the local and surrounding area. Community members are invited to come join in a time of fellowship to celebrate our community and Canada 150. No charge event.

Strawberry Social & Bake Sale

Wednesday July 19, 2017 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Christ Church Hall 6992 Route 11, Clifton

Come enjoy a delicious Strawberry Shortcake Dessert and coffee or tea for \$7.00 Come enjoy a delicious Strawberry Shortcake Dessert and coffee or tea for \$7.00.

*"Silent" and "listen"
are spelled with the same letters.
~Author unknown~*

Don't Just

Don't just learn, experience.

Don't just read, absorb.

Don't just change, transform.

Don't just relate, advocate.

Don't just promise, prove.

Don't just criticize, encourage.

Don't just think, ponder.

Don't just take, give.

Don't just see, feel.

Don't just dream, do.

Don't just hear, listen.

Don't just talk, act.

Don't just tell, show.

Don't just exist, live.”

*~Roy T. Bennett,
The Light in the Heart~*

1 Samuel 3:1-10 New International Version (NIV)

The LORD Calls Samuel

³ The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.

³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am."

⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy.

⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

James 1:19-27 New International Version (NIV)

Listening and Doing

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror

²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.