

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**May 13, 2018**

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26</i> <i>Psalm 1</i> <i>I John 5:9-13</i> <i>John 17:6-19</i>	<i>Acts 2:1-21</i> <i>Psalm 104</i> <i>Romans 8:22-27</i> <i>John 15:26-27;16:4b-15</i>

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

### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

**Musical Prelude:**

**Choral Opening:**

*'This is the Day That God Has Made'*      **#175 VU**

***This is the day that God has made!***  
***Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!***  
***This is the day that God has made!***  
***Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!***

**Welcome:**

Jesus said: "The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship God in spirit and truth, for God seeks such as these to worship. God is spirit and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth."

*John 4:23, 24*

**Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:  
Announcements:**

**Lighting the Christ Candle:**

One: As we light the Christ Candle we celebrate mothers and all that they offer to our society.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

One: God has given us love and support as we engage in our quest to be.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

One: God has gathered us into a community of care, learning and worship.

**All: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.**

**Call to Worship:** (in unison)

**We come from scattered lives to this sanctuary,  
seeking unity in the Spirit,  
seeking the grace of Christ,  
seeking the peace of God.**

**Prayer of Approach:** (in unison)

**Give me a candle of the Spirit, O God,  
as I go down into the depths of my being.  
Show me the hidden things,  
the creatures of my dreams,  
the storehouse of forgotten memories and hurts.  
Take me down to the spring of my life  
and tell me my nature  
and my name.  
Give me freedom to grow,  
so that I may become that self,  
the seed of which you planted in me at my making.  
Out of the depths I cry to you, O God. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** *'Morning Has Broken'*      **#409 VU**

**Children of All Ages:**

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Prayer for Understanding:

O God, open us to the possibility that we are being chosen to be new disciples with new ministries.  
May the reading of your word sanctify us in the truth and bring us to perfect joy in Jesus name we pray. Amen.

### Scripture Readings:

Wayne Lord

**New Testament Lesson:** Acts 1:6-11

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 1 # 724VU

**Gospel Readings:** John 17 :1-19

**\*Hymn:** *'In the Bulb There is a Flower'* #703 VU

**Message:** "Jesus Prays for His Disciples"

**Anthem:** *'The Spring has Come'* (at last)

## 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: (in unison)

**Loving God, we thank you for Mothers.  
May these gifts, given gratefully,  
be brought to life through the power  
of your creative Spirit.  
Multiply and use them to bring the word  
and the touch of Jesus to your people in this place  
and throughout the world. Amen.**

### Prayer of Confession:

**All: God of love and of grace,  
you know the secrets of our hearts:  
how blind we are to our own faults,  
yet harsh in judging others;  
how swift we are to take for gain,  
yet slow to give for others;  
how proud we are of our success,  
yet grudging in our praise of others.  
Remember, O God,  
your tender care and love unfailing.  
Do not remember our sins and offences,  
but remember us in your goodness,  
in accordance with your endless mercy.**

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**All: grant us peace.**

### 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.***

### Words of Assurance:

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give you.  
Not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid."  
The peace of Christ be with you all . . .

*John 14:27*

### Silent Prayer:

### Reflective Music:

### **Pastoral Prayer:**

One: For every breath we take,  
for every beat of our hearts,  
for every sensation of our bodies:

**All: we give you thanks, O God.**

One: For the ear that listens,  
for the hand that caresses,  
for the arms that reach out in love:

**All: we give you thanks, O God.**

One: For relief from pain,  
for the tears of shared sorrow,  
for the laughter of shared joy:

**All: we give you thanks, O God.**

One: For the freedom to choose,  
for the ability to love,  
for the power of hope:

**All: we give you thanks, O God.**

One: For the presence you reveal to us,  
for the courage you offer us,  
or the rest you assure us will be ours:

**All: we give you thanks, O God.**

One: O God, you are with us all  
as we go from our childhood to our adult days.  
We pray this morning for children  
who never have the opportunity  
to know security in their lives;  
for those who do not know the security  
of family and friends.  
We pray that your compassion  
will be with all homeless children and orphans,  
and all the little ones whose lives  
are overshadowed by violence,  
and thwarted by the disease of cruelty.  
Awaken in us your living love, that we may not rest  
while children cry for bread  
or go without comfort or love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer:**

## **THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymn:** 'Be Thou My Vision' #642 VU

**Commissioning:** (in unison)

One: With joy, we draw water from the wells of salvation.

**All: Give thanks and call on God's name.**

One: Make known God's deeds among the nations;

**All: proclaim that God's name is exalted.**

One: Sing praise to God, whose work is glorious;  
let it be known in all the earth.

**All: Shout for joy, you who dwell in Zion,  
for the holy one of Israel is majestic among you.**  
*(Isaiah 12:1a-6, Give thanks to God)*

**Blessing:**

May the grace of God,  
deeper than our imagination;  
the strength of Christ,  
stronger than our need;  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
richer than our togetherness;  
guide and sustain us today  
and in all our tomorrows.

**\*Choral Closing:** 'Take Up His Song' #213 MV

***Take up his song of hope  
And go into the world  
Take up his song of hope  
in every moment.  
In every moment of the journey,  
We're laying down our lives;  
Lay them down in peace,  
Lay them down,  
And take up his song.***

**Organ Postlude:**

# Church News

## This Week at First United – May 14 – May 19

Monday	6:15	Beavers – rms 1,2,&3
Tuesday	2:30	Office closed
	6:15	Scouts – DEMH GYM
	7pm	JNAC- RMR
Wednesday	9am	TAB – Rms 1,2 &3
	9 -11am	Badminton
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	7pm	Christian Dev. Team - RMR

The bulletin today has been placed  
*in loving of June Gammon – McKenzie of Dalhousie*  
by sister, Mary

The yellow mums on the communion table today are  
**in loving memory of our mother and brothers,**  
**Violet, Kenneth and Art Gosnell**  
by the Family

### **Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre**

Commitment December 31, 2018      **900**

Total to Date      **249**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect  
16-17 jars of peanut butter per week.

The Volunteer Center supplies, on average,  
500 households monthly.



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

The Ministry and Personnel committee is looking for individuals who would be willing to fill in for the Office Administrator and/or the Custodian during vacation time or when sick. If you are interested please contact the office at 546-3532.

**Calling all Graduates:** If you are a potential graduate of the class of 2018 for either BHS or ESN please advise the church office by June 12. The First United Church service honoring our graduates will be held on June 17, 2018.

**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.

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### **Chicken Salad Take-Out**

Friday, May 25, 2018

Sponsored by Friends of First United

Pick-up times

11:30a.m.-1 p.m. & 4-5:30 p.m.

\$12. Adults      \$6. Children (under 12)

Tickets available at:

First United Church office 546-3532

*You don't choose your family.  
They are God's gift to you,  
as you are to them.  
~Desmond Tutu~*

## Community Events

**The Stonehaven-New Bandon Union Cemetery Inc.** ask your cooperation in helping keep floral arrangements at the grave sites the their rightful place; by writing the individual's name somewhere on the arrangement. (arrangements are sometimes blown from the headstones.)

**Finding your way** A Beginners Compass Reading Course will be held at Central United Church Hall May 17 at 6:30 for all interested;. Bring or borrow a compass; Open for youth and adults . Max 10-12 people \$10.00 per person. Call Hanson Miller at 546-3948 or Joanne Dempsey at 546-6074

**RSVP Ministries** invites you to our Lovely to Look at Luncheon at House of Lee – Grand Buffet, 315 Main Street, Bathurst on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 \$17.50 from 11:30am - 1:00pm, doors open at 11:00am. Susan Bannister, Mary Kay director and Peggy Sproul, consultant will demonstrate the importance of self care, and Hazel McMullin of Moncton will deliver her message on “How to find peace in a world full of turmoil”. **Reservations and cancellations are necessary before Saturday, May 19.** Please contact Joanne at 542-1118 or [ejgodin@rogers.com](mailto:ejgodin@rogers.com) or contact Connie at 546-2127. Note: for those who have dietary restrictions, please contact Joanne for the alternate meal. \*\*\*

**The annual Parish of New Bandon Lobster Supper tickets are now available.**

Date: June 2, 2018 Seating times are at 4PM. 5PM or 6PM  
Price: \$20.00 for adults; \$10.00 for children under 12.  
Please be advised that only 400 tickets will be sold. Get your tickets early. Tickets are available from Norma Ellis 546-9638, Elaine Good 546-2970, Lorna Veneau 546-2948, Kim Scott 546-5012, Kay Addison 350-0960 and Mitzi Whelton 506-4969.  
All tickets are to be paid in advance. Thank you

**The Ladies Auxiliary to Herman J. Good VC, Branch # 18**

Royal Canadian Legion Meal of the Month  
BBQ Chicken Dessert – Tea & Coffee included  
Sunday, June 10, 2018 5 p.m.  
Cost: \$15.00 Take-Outs Available  
Tickets can be purchased at the Legion Office.

**Vintage Hat Tartan Tea** Reserve Saturday, May 26 for the Vintage Hat Tartan Tea being organized by Bathurst Chapter, N.B. Scottish Cultural Association. The Highland social offering Scottish goodies and more will be held at the Bathurst Heritage Museum 1:30-3:30pm. Due to limited space there will be advanced tickets only at \$10 each. Wear your own hat.... or try ours! All are welcome men included. For tickets call Isabel at 546-5521 or Jean Babin at 546-5758.

*A family is a unit  
composed not only of children  
but of men, women,  
an occasional animal,  
and the common cold.  
~Ogden Nash~*

## *Family*

*It's knowing where your roots are  
That sometimes gives you wings.  
It's knowing there's a place to go  
To escape the awful things.*

*It's knowing there will always be  
At least one person on your side.  
Who'll listen to your problems  
And go along with you for the ride.*

*It's comfort and it's heartache  
It's pride and disappointment too.  
It's holding on and letting go  
Cherishing old and accepting new.*

*It's waiting for the next little one  
To come and steal your heart  
And wondering how being called "Grandma"  
Is such a warm and fuzzy start.*

*It's watching time go racing by  
Days, then weeks then years  
It's missing those who go to soon  
To mix your laughter with your tears.*

*It's remembering and forgetting  
Loving and arguing too.  
It was God's plan from the start  
And it's still holding true.*

*So hold each day like precious crystal  
That might break if you let go.  
For roots and wings are compatible things  
Make sure your children know.*

*Faye Cook*

*Mother's Day Flowers  
have been donated*



*In Loving Memory of*

**Frankie Branch** from the Branch Girls

**Laura Parrott** from Brenda and Dave

**Emily Wiseman & Dot Clouston** by Isabel & John

**Margaret (Mum Scott), Gladys Branch & Wanda  
Glendenning**

from Lela , Percy and family

Mothers, **Edythe Hatheway & Alice Williamson**

from Hayden, Mildred & family

**Geraldine Hatheway** from Hayden & Mildred

**Ella Lewis and Sarah Moore** from Blair & Ruth Lewis and family

Our Mothers, **Vera Cameron & Betty Gammon** from Peter & Edie

**Fran Daley** from Joyce & Glen

**Hilda Rogers** from Joyce & Glen

Our Mother's, **Mary Hare & Stella Norton**

from Helen (Hare) & Harvey Norton

**Fran Barbery & Wynne Sullivan** from Bob & Beth

**Rita (Walsh) Murray** by Linda Knowles-MacPherson

**Vera Jean Godfrey** by Archie & Jean Fowlie & Family

**Susan Agnes Fowlie** by Archie & Jean Fowlie & Family

**Ruth Branch** from Elizabeth, Gary & family

**Sara Eddy** from Elizabeth, Gary & family

**Marion Fallon & Ellen Cooper** by the family

My Mother, **Stella McLean** from Byron & Marion McLean

Remembering our Mothers **Helen & Dorothy**

from Dave & Cheryl Brewster

**Vivian Howatt** by her family

Our Mother, **Irene Ramsey** by Charles and Susan

Our Mothers, **Florence & Edith** by Francis & Peggy

My Mother, **Edrie** & her sisters, **Annie, Edna & Ada**  
by Helen A. Knowles

My Mother, **Velma Daley** by Ina

**Cecile LaPoint & Sarah McLean**

from Alice & Donald McLean & family

**Evelyn Russell & Dora Carroll** from Wayne, Clara & Melissa

**Fern Wiseman** from John & Joanne & Family

Our Mother, **Sara Eddy** from Margaret and Mike

**Marjorie Eddy** from the Family

**Isabel Eddy** from the Family

Our Mothers, **Annie Gammon & Margaret Clouston**

from David & Shirley

**Gladys Knowles Scott**, by Daughter, Barbara Hinton

**Isalee Dempsey** from the Dempsey Family

**Ruth Daley** by Shirley Sealy

Our Mothers, **Becky Knowles & Adelaide Buttimer**  
from Helen and Mick

**Jean Boucher & Esther MacIntosh** from Pat and Glendon

Mother, **Phyllis Wiseman** from Cheryl Murphy

Mother, **Lillian Murphy** from Gordon Murphy

Our Mothers, **Winifred Hierlihy & Emma Mullin**  
from Blake & Kathy

**Onie Branch** from Sheila Francis

**Mae Eliza Spence & Regina Fournier** by Harvey & Julie

My Mom, **Maude Hierlihy** from Dorothy Ann

**My Mother** from Ilonia Schnarr

My Mother, **Nellie E. Gammon** from Mary

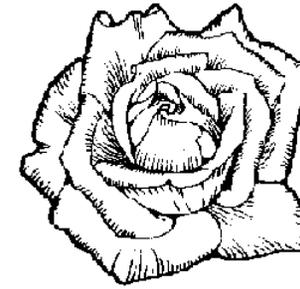
*In Honour of*

**Rita Brown** from the family

**The Back Row Gals**

Daughter, **Josie** and Daughter-in-law **Celina** by Helen & Mick

**Dot Bond** from Dorothy Ann (Dot)



*How God Created Mother*

*God took the fragrance of a flower,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The gentleness of morning dew,  
The calm of quiet sea,*

*The beauty of a twilight hour,  
The soul of a starry night  
The laughter of the rippling brook,  
The grace of a bird in flight,*

*Then God fashioned from these things  
A creation like no other,  
And when His masterpiece was through,  
He called it simply....MOTHER.*

*Legga Nthizzs*

## Acts 1:6-11 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

<sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

## John 17:1-19 New International Version (NIV)

### Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

17 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

<sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.

<sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

<sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

<sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

### Jesus Prays for His Disciples

<sup>6</sup> "I have revealed you<sup>[a]</sup> to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

<sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.

<sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

<sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

<sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.

<sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of<sup>[b]</sup> your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

<sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by<sup>[c]</sup> that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup> "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

<sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

<sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

<sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by<sup>[d]</sup> the truth; your word is truth.

<sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

<sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

