

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**July 1, 2018**

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>II Samuel 1:1, 17-27</i> <i>Psalm 30</i> <i>II Corinthians 8:7-15</i> <i>Mark 5:21-43</i>	<i>II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10</i> <i>Psalm 123</i> <i>II Corinthians 12:2-10</i> <i>Mark 6:1-13</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:**      *'Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness'*      **#375 VU**  
*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness*  
*Blow thro' the wilderness*  
*Calling and free,*  
*Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,*  
*Stir me from placidness,*  
*Wind, Wind on the sea.*

### O Canada:      (**#524 VU**)

***O Canada! Our home and native land!***  
***True patriot love in all thy sons command.***  
***With glowing hearts we see thee rise,***  
***the True North strong and free!***  
***From far and wide, O Canada,***  
***we stand on guard for thee.***  
***God keep our land glorious and free!***  
***O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.***  
***O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.***

### Welcoming:

In the Spirit of Jesus Christ,  
 who calls us to be the church  
 and to celebrate God's presence,  
 let us worship.

### Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD: Announcements:

### Lighting the Christ Candle:

One: Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.  
**ALL: We come to celebrate God's presence,**  
 One: and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.  
**ALL: We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,**  
 One: and the life we are called to live.  
**ALL: We come as a pilgrim people**  
**searching for ways to live out our faith.**  
 One: We come to celebrate the birth of Canada, and to thank God  
 for our heritage and our freedom.  
**ALL: Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!**  
**We live by faith as we celebrate and give thanks to**  
**God.**

### Call to Worship:

One: I wait for the Lord,  
**ALL: my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.**  
 One: My soul waits for the Lord  
 more than those who watch for the morning,  
**ALL: more than those who watch for the morning.**  
 One: In faith, let us turn to our God, whose love is sure.

As we celebrate Canada Day, we offer thanks to God for our  
 ancestors and all of the generations that have gone before us.  
 We thank God for all the people who came to this land to build a  
 new life and a new home for their descendents.  
 We also thank God for all the countless men, women and children  
 who have already lived on this land;  
 people with a spirituality, a direct connection to the land ,  
 to one another and to their creator.  
 Our prayer for approach is in honor of them.

**Prayer of Approach:**

*Following Aboriginal tradition, praying in The Directions*

*(facing east)*

One: From the East, the direction of the rising sun,  
we receive peace and light and wisdom and knowledge.

**ALL: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*(facing south)*

One: From the South comes warmth, guidance,  
and the beginning and the end of life.

**ALL: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*(facing west)*

One: From the West comes the rain,  
purifying waters, to sustain all living things.

**ALL: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*(facing north)*

One: From the North comes the cold and mighty wind,  
the white snows, giving us strength and endurance.

**ALL: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*(facing upward)*

One: From the heavens we receive darkness and light,  
the air of your breath,  
and messages from your winged creatures.

**ALL: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*(facing downward)*

One: From the earth we come and to the earth we will return.

**ALL: We are grateful for your creation, Mother Earth,  
O God.**

One: May we walk good paths, O God,  
living on this earth as brothers and sisters should.  
We rejoice in one another's blessing,  
sympathizing in one another's sorrows,  
and together with you, renewing the face of the earth.

**\*Opening Hymn:** 'Called by Earth and Sky' #135 MV

**Chorus**

*Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.*

Precious these waters, endless seas,  
deep ocean's dream, waters of healing,  
rivers of rain, the wash of love again.

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;  
wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit,  
blow through this place, our gathering and our grace.

**Chorus**

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;  
vast fragile land. Seeds of our wakening,  
rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song.

Precious the fire that lights our way,  
bright dawning day. Fire of passion,  
sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.

**Chorus**

**Children of All Ages:**

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Prayer for Understanding:** (in unison)

**O God, you are the source of all that is  
as we listen to your holy word;  
open our hearts to the power of your Spirit;  
call us out of darkness  
and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:** Chesley Eddy

**New Testament:** 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 130 Page 853 VU

**Gospel lesson:** Mark 5:21-34

**\*Hymn:** 'Blest Be The Tie That Binds' #602 VU

**Message:** "Living in a challenging world"

**Anthem:** 'O Beautiful Gaia''

### 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)

**In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,  
we bring our gifts to you, O God.  
Help us to give with them  
a ready mind,  
a willing spirit,  
and a joyful heart. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

One: If we say we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.  
In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God,  
who is faithful and just,  
who will forgive us our sins,  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**ALL: O God, trusting you does not always come easy  
when each day we are faced  
with the ugliness of the world.  
We do not believe that love conquers fear.  
We are not convinced  
that power comes through weakness.**

**We cannot conceive how you could heal us.  
Forgive our lack of faith, O God,  
and renew our trust in you,  
for we would be disciples of Jesus  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

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.***

**Assurance of Pardon:**

God is the love that over and around us lies;  
the grace that is totally unearned;  
and the healing that makes the earth whole.  
Give thanks to God; we are forgiven! Amen.

**Silent Prayer :**

**Reflective Music:**

**Pastoral Prayer:**

One: God is the One who makes us,  
loves us, and sustains us.  
God is the One who makes,  
loves, and sustains the world.  
Let us offer ourselves and our world to God in prayer.  
We pray:  
for those who make decisions  
about the resources of the earth,

**ALL: that we may use your gifts responsibly;**

One: for those who work on the land and sea,  
in city and in industry,

**ALL: that all may enjoy the fruits of their labours  
and marvel at your creation;**

One: for artists, scientists, and visionaries,

**ALL: that through their work  
we may see creation afresh.**

*silence*

One: We thank you for giving us life;

**ALL: for all who enrich our experience.**

One: We pray:

for all who through their own or others' actions  
are deprived of fullness of life;

**ALL: for prisoners, refugees, those differently able,  
and all who are sick;**

One: for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work,  
and for your Church;

**ALL: for all who seek to bring life to others.**

*silence*

One: We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your  
creation.

**ALL: Give us reverence for life in your world.**

One: We thank you for your redeeming love;

**ALL: may your Word and Sacraments  
strengthen us to love as you love us.**

**We pray for our country of Canada**

**and the people who make up our great land.**

**As we celebrate Canada Day**

**may your vision of love, justice and truth  
lead us on our way.**

*silence*

One: God, our Creator, bring us new life.

**ALL: Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.**

One: Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

**ALL: Amen.**

**The Prayer Of Our Lord:**

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

**\*Closing Hymn:** 'O God of All the Many Lands' #523 VU  
(Tune Forest Green VU 530)

**Commissioning:**

Go out into the world in peace.

Be brave; keep hold of what is good;

never pay back wrong for wrong;

encourage the fainthearted;

give due honor to everyone.

Be always joyful; pray continually;

give thanks whatever happens;

for God wills for you a gentle spirit,

a peaceful mind and a loving heart.

**Blessing:**

Light of God to give us hope;

power of God to protect us.

Light of God to give us joy;

peace of God to calm us.

Light of God to give us faith;

grace of God to save us

this day and forevermore.

**God Save the Queen:**

***God save our gracious Queen,***

***Long live our noble Queen,***

***God save the Queen:***

***Send her victorious,***

***Happy and glorious,***

***Long to reign over us;***

***God save the Queen.***

# Church News

## This Week at First United –July 1 – July 6

Friday	Closed	Summer Hours
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**\*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:**

Only in Christ can men and women find answers to the ultimate questions that trouble them. Only in Christ can they fully understand their dignity as persons created and loved by God.”        -Pope St. John Paul II

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

Commitment December 31, 2018       **900**

Total to Date       **335**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 20-21 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.

**Summer Hours:** Starting June 1 until the end of August the church office hours will be Monday - Thursday, 8-4. Closed 12-1.

**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.

**Thank you** to Anne Brooks and Pat Thibodeau, who were our counters and Nora McLean, Gary Branch and Chesley Eddy who were the greeters for the month of June.

## Community Events

### **Hospitality Days Breakfast**

Saturday, July 21, 2018 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) or \$ 20.00 for Family of 4  
Contact Church Office at 546-3225

**Summer Sizzle:** Free family fun day!!! BBQ, Cotton Candy, Games, Face Painting. Presentation by Guest Team "King's Castle" July 28, 2018 2-4pm. Coronation Park, Bathurst. (in case of rain, moved to 150 Basin St.) Adults bring lawn chairs.

**Annual vacation Bible School** at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, July 16 - 20. "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus". The fun begins at 9:am and children experience bible stories, music, games, sciencey gizmos, movies and more. Phone 506-546-4645 to register or for more information.

### **The annual memorial service for the Stonehaven – New**

**Bandon Union Cemetery Inc.** will be held July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Chapel. Offering envelopes will be provided at the door – allowing the donor to specify whether the offering will be used for general revenue, Perpetual Care or restoration of the Community Chapel. Donors wishing a receipt may add their name and mailing address. Everyone welcome.

### **The annual meeting of the Stonehaven – New Bandon**

**Union Cemetery Inc.** will be held July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Chapel. Everyone welcome.

**Central United Church** presents: Treasure & Trinkets Tea with a Lucky Number Auction. Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am United Church Hall  
Admission \$10/ person (includes light luncheon & refreshments)  
\*\* Auction tickets sold separately at tea  
For Tickets: Elan Dempsey 548-9160, Shirley Scott 546-8285 or Debbie Hachey 506-2926

**Evangel Mission Team** has a fundraiser Spaghetti Supper and Concert to be held at the Knights of Columbus Building (355 Douglas Ave, Bathurst) on July 21. Every dollar we raise is going directly to Servant's Heart Ministries to our "House Project" – we plan on building a home for a deserving family in Dominican Republic when we are there in March 2019. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 before end of 2018.  
Tickets are \$12/adult or \$5.00/child under 5. Supper is served from 4:00pm-6:00pm.  
The concert is Smooth Jazz by Cameron Bauer  
Tickets are available from Pauline (545-8182) or Pam (350-1483)

Under our flag may our youth find new inspiration for loyalty to Canada; for a patriotism based not on any mean or narrow nationalism, but on the deep and equal pride that all Canadians will feel for every part of this good land." » Lester Pearson

"I am Canadian,  
free to speak without fear,  
free to worship in my own way,  
free to stand for what I think right,  
free to oppose what I believe wrong,  
or free to choose  
those who shall govern my country."

Former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker

**2 Corinthians 8:7-15 New International Version  
(NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you<sup>[a]</sup>—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

<sup>8</sup> I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

<sup>10</sup> And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. <sup>11</sup> Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. <sup>12</sup> For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

<sup>13</sup> Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that

there might be equality. <sup>14</sup> At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, <sup>15</sup> as it is written: “The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.”<sup>[</sup>

# Mark 5:21-34 New International Version (NIV)

## Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. <sup>23</sup> He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." <sup>24</sup> So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him.

<sup>25</sup> And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. <sup>27</sup> When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." <sup>29</sup> Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

<sup>30</sup> At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

<sup>31</sup> "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

<sup>32</sup> But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."