

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Jeremiah 17:5-10</i>	<i>Genesis 45:3-11,15</i>
<i>Psalm 1</i>	<i>Psalm 37</i>
<i>I Corinthians 15:12-20</i>	<i>I Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50</i>
<i>Luke 6:17-26</i>	<i>Luke 6:27-38</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: 'Praise to the Lord' **VU #835** (Verse 1)
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!

Welcome: (including our friends worshipping by CD)

Announcements:

Lighting The Christ Candle:

One: The Christ Candle is lit
as a reminder of the light of Christ

All: given to us all,

One: a symbol of God's presence

All: each and every day.

Call to Worship: (based on Jeremiah 17:5-10)

One: Blessed are those who trust in God.

All: Plant us like a tree by the water.
Send our roots toward the stream.
Bear fruit in all we do,
and make our leaves ever green.

One: Delight in God, meditate on God's law day and night.

All: We praise God's holy name now and always.

Gathering Prayer:

*Gathering Hymn:

'Worship the Lord' **VU #401** (Verses 1, 2 & 5)

Prayer of Humility:

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

*Passing of the Peace:

One: The Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Sharing a Story: (with Children of all ages)

***Singing a Song:** 'Jesus, Friend of Little Children' **VU #340**

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding:

Scripture Readings:

Catherine Eddy

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 1 VU #724

Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:17-26

Reflection: "Being Blessed"

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Anthem: *'Spirit of Life'*

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Minute for Mission:

Invitation to the Offering:

Presentation of Gifts to God: (including ourselves)

Choral Response:

*We bring our gifts to share,
and lift our grateful prayer,
That with our faithful care,
our world will grow.
Through work of minds and hands
in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.*

Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)

Holy One,
let these gifts provide comfort
for all who are in need.
Let us be more blessed by the giving
than we've been blessed in receiving.
And let us desire only the power
of Christ's resurrecting love.
Amen.

Sharing Our Concerns:

'O God, Hear My Prayer' **VU #948 (2X)**
*O God, hear my prayer,
O God, hear my prayer:
when I call answer me.
O God, hear my prayer,
O God, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.*

Prayers of the People:

One: For the poor and the outcast—

All: teach us your divine hospitality.

One: For the hungry—

All: show us how to fill all in need.

One: For the weeping—

All: give us laughter to share.

One: For the despised—

All: bring us acceptance.

One: For the rich—

All: reveal the true consolation of sharing.

One: For the satisfied—

**All: spark desire for the company
and well-being of others.**

One: For the happy—

All: let them not fear loss.

One: For the celebrated and revered—

All: give them the grace of humility.

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.**

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

*Closing Hymn:

'Would You Bless Our Homes and Families' VU #556

*Blessing:

One: Whether we have blessings or woes,

All: each calls us into becoming more fully like Christ.

One: Each of us has a gift to give and a blessing to receive.

**All: Let's live, then, in the full expression
of what it actually means to be blessed.
Amen.**

*Choral Closing: *'I Am Walking a Path of Peace'* #221MV

***I am walking a path with heart
I am walking a path with heart
I am walking a path with heart
lead me home, lead me home.***

Organ Postlude:

*"Every day send some blessings to the world.
Let there be a flow of love"*
Amit Ray

Church News

This Week at First United –Feb. 18 – Feb. 23

Monday	Closed	Family Day
Tuesday	9am	Ways & Means– Eddy Rm
	6:15	Cubs & Scouts – DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9-11am	Badminton
	9-12am	TAB
	9:30	Community Outreach - RMR
	6:30	Choir Practice
Thursday	1:30pm	Pastoral Care Team - RMR
	7pm	Christian Dev. Team - RMR

The azaleas in the sanctuary today
have been placed by the family
in loving memory of our brother, Art Gosnell,
who passed away on Feb. 13, 2015.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **105**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect
17-18 jars of peanut butter per week.

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



The Upper Room for March and April 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.

Thank You: The "Friends of First United" team would like to thank
everyone who helped in anyway with the Valentine Luncheon.
Approximately \$2190.00 was raised. A special thank you to our
sponsors, Catherine & Company and Elmtree Resources LTD.



Sunrise Breakfast

(pancakes, sausages, baked beans, scrambled eggs,
hash browns, toast, juice, coffee & tea)

Sunday, February 24, 2019

8:30 a.m. to noon

Donald Eddy Memorial Hall

\$10.00 adults - \$3.00 children

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Community Events

World Day of Prayer. Program prepared by the Women of Slovenia. St. Georges Anglican Church. 3pm March 1, 2019. Wheel Chair assailable. Refreshment and fellowship to follow service.

Saint George's Anglican Church 432 King Avenue

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Adults \$ 7.00, Children (12 & under) \$4.00, Family \$ 15.00

Tickets at the door – Take-outs available

Family & Community Breakfast: Saturday, March 9, 2019

8:00 – 10:00 am Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Resurrection of the Dead

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised;

¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.

¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.

¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

¹⁸ Then those also who have died^[a] in Christ have perished.

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.^[b]

Luke 6:17-26 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jesus Teaches and Heals

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Blessings and Woes

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you^[a] on account of the Son of Man.

²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.