

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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April 7, 2019

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Isaiah 43:16-21</i> <i>Psalm 126</i> <i>Philippians 3:4b-14</i> <i>John 12:1-8</i>	<i>Luke 19:28-40</i> <i>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</i>

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

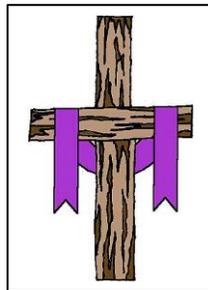
THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

MUSICAL PRELUDE

***CHORAL OPENING:**

"Spirit, Open My Heart" – MV #79

***Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.***



WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Breathe deep? Allow the fragrance of love to entice you.

All: We can sense a powerful presence among us.

One: Though death threatens to come soon,
in this hour of worship, let's focus on what is alive!

**All: The colours of morning
stream through our windows –
the world is humming in activity.**

One: The warmth of our communion vibrates among us –
we are One Body together.

**All: And soon we will raise our voices in song,
creating harmonies to sustain us on the journey.**

One: Come, people of God, breathe deeply
and take in the vitality of this moment.

All: God's extravagance surrounds us.

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN:**

"Water Flowing from the Mountains" – MV #87

Water flowing from the mountains.

Water flowing o'er the earth.

Water comes to us, so precious.

Living water gives us birth.

Refrain

Drink deep this source of life.

Drink deep and know.

*For living water sings, and living water brings
the love that makes our spirit grow.*

Water rushing down the rivers.

Water rushing to the sea.

Water comes to us, so precious.

Living water makes us free.

Refrain

Water springing from the dry place.

Water springing in the sun.

Water comes to us, so precious.

Living water for each one.

Refrain

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (responsively)

Holy One, sometimes—we confuse generosity with extravagance.

We’ve been called to be a people of love, sharing, and compassion. At times, though, this turns us into people who allow the fear of scarcity to fill our hearts, rather than thanksgiving for the overflowing grace with which we’re loved.

...the water turned to wine; the thousands fed with just five loaves; the fishing nets strained with catch.

Give us the motivation to show our love for others with the same profound generosity that Mary showed Jesus when she anointed his feet with oil.

Forgive us our fear of want

and help us connect with the great abundance all around us.

Teach us, we pray,

to love extravagantly.

Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE: “And When You Call for Me” – MV #96

And when you call for me,

I have already answered.

And when you call for me,

I am already there.

A LENTEN SPIRITUAL PRACTICE (Lent Challenge 5)

CHORAL RESPONSE:

“Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary” – MV #18

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,

pure and holy tried and true;

with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living

sanctuary for you.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** (responsively)

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** – “Praise Our Maker” – VU #316

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gary Branch

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

*Responsive Psalm: Psalm 126 #850 VU (refrain 2)

Gospel Lesson: John 12:1-8

REFLECTION: “The Fragrance of Life”

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED

(in support of the ministry and mission of the church)

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Give what you can,

Take what you need.

For the body of Christ,

is enough to feed.

The hungry for Spirit

and the thirsty for love.

Give thanks when you can

to our God up above.

Church News

*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**Holy One,
in this moment,
we share from our abundance with joy.
We're not looking back,
nor are we only looking forward.
We give as an anointing expression of our gratitude.
May this offering waft with the fragrances
of being cherished and cherishing in return.
Amen.**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS –

“O God, Hear My Prayer” – VU #948

***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 (responsively)

Let us give thanks:

Response: We give thanks, Holy One.

THE LORD'S PRAYER – VU #921 (in unison)

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN – “I See a New Heaven” – VU #713 (vs. 1,3,4)

*BLESSING

*CHORAL CLOSING:

“Stay with Us through the Night” – VU #182 (Verse 1)

***Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning breaks again.***

ORGAN POSTLUDE

This Week at First United –April 8 – April 13

Monday	9-11am	Badminton
	6:15	Beavers – Rms. 1,2 &3
Tuesday	6:15	Cubs & Scouts – DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9-11am	Badminton
	9-noon	TAB
	3pm	Office Closed
	6:30	Choir Practice

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory of

Harold & Edith Payne

by the Family

Blair Chamberlain

by Betty and Family

Teri McLean -Disney

by parents Eldon & Nora McLean

Brother, Harry McLean

by Marion & Byron

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **245**

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 May and June 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 to Margaret Payne –Chénard and Mike Kierstead for being our counters and Gayle Ferron, Adrienne Hazen, Edie & Peter Gammon for being the greeters for the month of March.

Easter Newsletters are ready for pick up in the Narthex. Please help with postage costs by delivering to your family, friends and neighbors. Special envelopes for Easter contributions can be found in the Narthex.

Thank You to all who supported the Ham and Scallop Supper held on March 28th \$ 4375.00 was raised. Thanks to all the volunteers who make these events possible. A special thank you to our sponsor for this supper, R.G. McGroup Ltd. Our next Ways and Means event will be the Sunrise Breakfast on April 28th.

The Pastoral Care & Community Outreach teams would like to thank all who supported the St. Patrick's Gathering held on March 21st. Everyone who attended enjoyed the entertainment supplied by the Treble Makers and a substantial amount of non-perishable supplies were donated to the Volunteer Center.

Sunrise Breakfast

Pancakes, sausages, baked beans, scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee & tea

Sunday, April 28, 2019

8:30 a.m. to noon

Donald Eddy Memorial Hall

\$ 10.00 adults - \$ 3.00 children

Tickets 546-3532



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Bayside Automotive Group

Youth Forum & Intermediates @ Conference

Register today for Youth Forum & Intermediates @ Conference!
May 23rd-26th, Sackville NB

Bursaries are now available! Contact Lauren King (lking@united-church.ca) for funding options - \$50, \$100, or case-by-case. Individuals or churches can make requests on behalf of participants.

Intermediates @ Conference (grades 7-9):
<https://form.jotform.com/90225024164244>

Youth Forum (grade 10 to age 19):

A place of community and a place of faith - register for I@C and YF today! Join other United Church youth from across the Maritimes, the Gaspé, and Bermuda. I@C and YF take place during the Annual Meeting of Regions 14 & 15, which is a gathering of representatives who make decisions and set policies for the United Church of Canada. YF and I@C meet as two separate groups. Each group creates an inclusive, diverse and safe community of over a hundred youth in the name of Christ. Each provides a place for youth to explore their faith and to learn more about the United Church while sharing in music, worship and fun in a spirit-filled community.

Tier Payment

We realize that families have different abilities to pay; we now offers a voluntary three tier payment program. You may choose the tier that is most suitable for your family. The Tier System allows us to continue to offer an incredible program, while letting everyone know the true cost and how to help support the programs for the future. You may choose the tier that is most suitable for your family.

Tier I more closely accounts for the true costs of running the program (\$295)

Tier II is our partially subsidized fee for those who can pay a little more but still cannot afford the actual cost. (\$265)

Tier III is our subsidized rate and does not reflect the true cost of operating the programs. (\$235)

This program is voluntary and in no way influences the experience your child receives, yet it offers the opportunity for families to take an active role in supporting the true cost of your youth's experience. Our goal is to provide each youth with a positive and lasting experience. The information about how much you pay is only seen by our Registrar and Regional Council staff. **Bursaries are available - please contact Lauren King if you need financial assistance (lking@united-church.ca)**

Register by April 30th, 2019

*Respect your fellow human being,
treat them fairly,
disagree with them honestly,
enjoy their friendship,
explore your thoughts
about one another candidly,
work together for a common goal
and help one another achieve it.
~Bill Bradley~*

Community Events

Evangel Bathurst: Presents Leland Klessan's 'More True Comedy Tour' Friday April 12, 2019 – 7pm. Tickets \$15 each . 40\$ Family rate. Available at the church office (506) 546-2172 or online at www.lelandklassen.com.

Family & Community Breakfast,

Saturday, April 13, 2019 8:00 – 10:00 am
Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

RSVP Ministries invites you to our "A Song in Your Heart" Luncheon at House of Lee – Grand Buffet, 315 Main Street, Bathurst on Wednesday, April 24, 2018, cost \$18.50, from 11:20am - 1:00pm, doors open at 11:00am. Susan Blackmore-Roy, vivacious vocalist and guitarist will provide us with Dazzling Sounds, and June Fillmore, retired Medical Clinic Manager from Moncton, NB will tell us about "Looking for Joy in All the Wrong Places". **Reservations and cancellations are necessary.** Please contact Joanne at 542-1118 or ejgodin@bellaliant.net or contact Connie at 546-2127. Note: for those who have dietary restrictions, please contact Joanne for the alternate meal.

Formal Evening

Black & White Event

Danny's Inn and Conference Center

Saturday, May 18 2019

Doors open at 5:30 / Evening starts at 6:00

Small testimony by Albert Cyr, Psychologist

Dance to follow with Highway 11 Band

All profits to go to the Mental Health Association

Come and enjoy a beautiful evening with us

For tickets \$49 / each

Julie Spence – 547-2949 / Joanne Wiseman – 546-3690

Ecumenical Annual Fishermen's Service

Sunday April 28th 7 pm Christ Church Clifton.

Everyone is invited to come and join in this worship service to bless the opening of the local fisheries.

St. Lukes Presbyterian Church A refugee family from Syria will be welcomed to Bathurst on April 16, 2019. We will be looking for help in getting this family settled as soon as possible. This help will include teams to help with moving, any in kind contributions that will help with settlement, as well as financial help. We will be in need of temporary housing as the house will not be available until May 15. The father of the family has recently suffered a stroke so help in the form of a wheel chair would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Rev. Glen Sampson if you are able to help (gsampson3@gmail.com) or 546-4645. Financial donations can be made to "St. Lukes Presbyterian Church" directed to the refugee fund. Charitable donation receipts will be issued.

Saint George's Guild Coffee Party & Bake Sale

Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Saint George's Church Hall, 432 King Avenue
Tickets – \$ 10.00 – Available from Guild Members, Church Office (546-3225) or at the door.

Central United Church will be hosting a pork supper on April 13 from 4:30-6pm. Tickets are \$15/person. Children under 12 \$10/child. For tickets, please contact one of the following:
Eunice Daley 546-4079, Debbie Hachey 546-2926
Preston Knowles 546-4068. Darlene Wilks 545-5271

Evening of musical entertainment

Kitchen Party Style. Saturday April 27, 7 pm
Christ Church Hall Route 11, Clifton
Variety of entertainers
Free will offering with all proceeds to support the children's summer program "Camp on the Road"

Isaiah 43:16-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

- ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
- ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
- ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
- ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
- ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
- ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

John 12:1-8 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Mary Anoints Jesus

- ¹² Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.
- ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.
- ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them^[a] with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
- ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said,
- ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii^[b] and the money given to the poor?"
- ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)
- ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it^[c] so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.
- ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."