

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<p><i>Luke 19:28-40</i> <i>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</i></p>	<p><i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i> <i>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</i> <i>I Corinthians 15:19-26</i> <i>John 20:1-18</i></p>

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

MUSICAL PRELUDE

*** Choral Introit**

'Come Into the Streets with Me'
Come into the streets with me!
Come to where the crowds will be,
See a strange and gentle king
On a donkey travelling.

Refrain:

Come and follow my leader,
Come and follow my leader,
Jesus Christ is riding by,
Come and follow my leader!

All the people shout his name,
Waving branches, sing his fame,
Throw their coats upon his road
Glad to praise the Son of God.

Refrain:



*If the soldiers draw their swords,
will we dare to sing these words,
be his friends for just a day,
cheer him on, then run away?*

Refrain

*Jesus goes where things are rough,
Jesus knows when life is tough,
always comes to us, his friends,
so his story never ends.*

Refrain

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Have you heard? Jesus of Nazareth is coming to town!

**All: The man who has been doing
all the amazing things we've heard about?**

One: Come, people are gathering from all over the place
to see this Jesus.

All: Some are calling him the Messiah!

One: Some are calling him a king!

**All: Wouldn't it be wonderful to see the Messiah!
Wouldn't it be amazing to live with a different king –
one who rules with love and compassion?**

One: Perhaps this is the one!

All: Perhaps it is!

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN:** "All Glory, Laud and Honour" – VU #122

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (responsively)

Holy One, we pray, how we love a winner.

How we love to bask in the glow of the successful.

We shout louder than the stones for them. We cheer ourselves
hoarse when someone else takes the risk.

**We go all out when the sun is shining
on your dream of peace and justice.**

When times are good, we proudly wear the team jersey.

**But when the good times end,
when daring love meets stubborn fear,
we often cower.**

Now—let's settle into the silence of our hearts:

**the silence of the solitary cell, the empty street, the
windy hill where the crosses stand.** (Time of silence)

May the Spirit that spoke so well in Jesus of Nazareth—

find a home in us, loosen our tongues,

and set free our hearts

to live in Christ's Way.

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 6)

Sierra Spragg

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** – "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" – VU #123

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Cheryl Brewster

*Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
(VU #837 – Parts 1, 3 & 4)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 19:28-40

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM: "Hosanna! Sing Praises!"

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Catherine Eddy

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.*

*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**Holy One,
these gifts seem so small,
when we remember the sacrifices made for us.
And yet, we know you're present
in any act of love and generosity.**

**Holy One,
we're counting on your presence
through this offering as well
and your help in transforming it
into new life and new beginnings too.
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)

We have waved palms and shouted "Hosannas."
We have gathered in excitement and rejoicing.

Hear our voices, Holy One, and know our joy and hope.

We have gathered at your table,
received the bread and cup of your compassion.

**Hear our voices, Holy One,
and know our sorrow and regrets.**

We have witnessed your trial and death over and over again.

**Our world, Holy One, is full of trial and death.
Daily, we are immersed in the shortcomings of society
and news of persecution.**

We have remembered your last breath.

**We have remembered, Holy One,
and withdrawn, again and again, in the horror of it all.**

Be with us now, Holy One,
as we walk through this last week of Lent.

**Help us to heal, and to be part of the healing.
Be with us in the heaviness,
as we journey toward the light.
Hold us, as we hold the story close.
And help us to be your people, your presence,
and your body.**

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

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** – "He Came Riding on a Donkey" – VU #124

***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

*Our Lord has written
the promise of the resurrection,
not in books alone,
but in every leaf in spring-time.
~Martin Luther~*

Church News

This Week at First United –April 15 – April 20

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
	2:45pm	Office Closed
	6:30	Choir Practice
Friday	10am	Good Friday Church Service
	Office Closed	Good Friday

The bulletin and flower arrangement have been placed
in loving memory of Betty and Cletus Lavigne
From Judy Lavigne , Macky Singh and Jennifer Lavigne Roque.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **264**

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.



Easter Services

Good Friday Service - April 19 - 10am

Easter Sunday Service - April 21 - 10am

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.

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.

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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Save the Date!

**Gospel Hymn Sing at First United Church.
Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 2pm**

Come join us for a relaxed time of gospel music, old favorites and some new. You will have a chance to sing along to some gospel favorites, or just sit back and enjoy!

Special guests will include Emma Vickers, Kurt Hadley, Alysa Collins, Take Note and The Treble Makers.

If you are interested in joining the choir for this event, we'd love to have you! Practices will start May 8 at 6:30pm for 4 weeks. The more the merrier and it's a great chance to try out a choir seat! Admission is adults \$10, youth \$5.

Flowers for Mother's Day. We will be having flowers placed in our sanctuary in honor of Mother's day. Those wishing to contribute to the Mother's Day flower fund may place an envelope in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please mark clearly on the face of the envelope – Mother's Day Flowers with your name, PAR or envelope number. Donations can also be dropped in at the office. An insert will be included in the bulletin on Mother's Day, May 12th with your dedications. Please have your dedications in by Monday, May 6.th

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

*April
hath put a spirit of youth
in everything.
~William Shakespeare~*

Community Events

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

3 Course Meal

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.

*Spring is when you feel like whistling
even with a shoe full of slush.*

~Doug Larson~

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.

Evening of musical entertainment (POSTPONED)

Kitchen Party Style. **Date to be announced.**

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"

*In the spring I have counted
one hundred and thirty-six
different kinds of weather
inside of four and twenty hours.*

~Mark Twain~

*My jelly beans tell a
wonderful story,
All for God's own glory.*

 *Red is for the blood of
God's only son,
 Black is for the sins
we've done.*

An Easter Promise

 *Yellow is for the morning
so bright,
The day He arose
to make all things right.*

 *Green reminds us that
He is risen,*

 *White is for the
forgiveness we find in Him.*

 *Purple is for Jesus'
throne,*

 *Pink reminds me
that I am never alone.*

*A bag full of jelly beans,
colorful and sweet.
It's a prayer, a promise,
and an Easter treat.*

by Rachael Strickland

Luke 19:28-40 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,

³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,

³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."