

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**April 21, 2019**  
**Easter**  
**Communion**

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Neal Palmer	<b>Organist</b>	Martha Vickers
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<b>Custodian</b>	Steve White		Mike Kierstead

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i>	<i>Acts 5:27-32</i>
<i>Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24</i>	<i>Psalms 150</i>
<i>I Corinthians 15:19-26</i>	<i>Revelation 1:4-8</i>
<i>John 20:1-18</i>	<i>John 20:19-31</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'*      **#122 MV**  
*This is the day that God has made;*  
*we will rejoice and be glad!*  
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*we will rejoice and be glad!*  
*Singing hal-le-lu, Singing hal-le-lu*  
*Singing hal-le-lu*  
*We will rejoice and be glad!*  
*Singing hal-le-lu, Singing hal-le-lu*  
*Singing hal-le-lu*  
*We will rejoice and be glad!*

**WELCOME** (including our friends worshipping by CD)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**GATHERING PRAYER** (responsively)

...For the new beginnings you've set before us – new opportunities, new adventures, new relationships, and new joys,  
**we thank you.**

For the delight you've returned to each of us in our time – healing our hearts, our bodies, and Earth,

**we thank you.**

For the tears you've wiped from our eyes – the comfort you have sent to us through your beauty, your creatures, and your people,  
**we thank you.**

And for coming to be among us as Jesus,  
**we thank you.**

Today we raise our Alleluias in thanksgiving.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** – "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" – VU #155

**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.*

**SHARING A STORY** (with children of all ages)

**\*SINGING A SONG** – "We Sing a Song of Easter"  
 (tune Ellacombe VU123)

We sing a song of Easter,  
 The rising up of Love.  
 It's heralded by prophets  
 And flight of holy dove.  
 We sing a song of healing,  
 Of growing through our pain  
 To help another pilgrim  
 To firm in faith remain.

We sing through grief and sorrow.  
We sing of laughter's power  
To help us venture onward  
With strength to face each hour.  
We sing of mirth and marvel,  
And tears that turn to glee.  
We sing out with crescendo  
In joyful harmony.

We sing of new day dawning,  
For there is more than this.  
We sing of fresh-new beginnings  
With ecstasy and bliss.  
We sing with one another  
The common song of peace  
As we express Love's vision  
That justice be increased.

*Written by John Wesley Oldham  
The Gathering, L/E 2019, page 56  
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## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Cindy & Callie Doucet*

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25  
Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

### REFLECTION

### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

**ANTHEM:** "Come and Rejoice"

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### THE OFFERING IS GATHERED

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

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE –

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" – VU #541

***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.***

### \*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**Holy One,  
on this day of celebration,  
we bring not only our offerings but our lives as well.  
We dedicate ourselves anew  
to be the love that arises after death.  
We dedicate our hearts  
to continuing to break  
and continuing to respond  
to a broken world with compassion and hope.  
We dedicate our very souls  
to fulfilling your resurrection in the world.  
Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### \*COMMUNION HYMN – "Long Ago and Far Away" – MV #195

Long ago and far away  
Jesus lived and worked and prayed  
healed the sick and the fearful and lonely  
lived his life to show us God's way.

#### ***Refrain***

***Stretched his arms out as he said  
Fill the cup and share the bread  
Remember me in love and joy and blessing.***

Jesus gathered the children around him  
spoke of Love and the joy to be found  
told them stories of wisdom and wonder  
God's creation in all that's around.

#### ***Refrain***

Jesus called all his friends to be with him  
share the bread and the cup once again  
life to you I will offer it gladly  
love will be with you right to the end.

#### ***Refrain***

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** (responsively)  
The Peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## INSTRUCTIONS

## INVITATION

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (responsively)

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

...And so, with the risen Christ, who makes all things new, we join in the song of a new day, to sing your praise:

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"** – MV #203 (sung in unison)

*O holy, holy, holy God,*

*O God of time and space.*

*All earth and sea and sky above*

*bear witness to your grace.*

*Hosanna in the highest heaven,*

*creation sings your praise.*

*And blessed is the One whom comes*

*and bears your name always!*

...Holy One, by this bread and cup, we remember Christ, and share in the mystery of your being, your bliss, and your purpose...

**"Great Amen"** – MV #205 (sung in unison)

*Amen, amen, O Holy One!*

*Hosanna and Amen!*

*Amen, amen, O Holy One,*

*Hosanna and Amen!*

Friends, we remember Jesus:

**On Good Friday he died.**

**On Easter he rose again.**

**Today—he lives forever.**

...We know you've been with us throughout our Lenten journey; that you've accompanied us through the deserts of hopelessness.

**You've been with us  
as we've passed through the valleys of struggle  
and the declines of despair.**

You've called us to wave palms and to rejoice as you entered Jerusalem on a colt and challenged the image of "king."

**You offered us a place at the table,  
sharing the bread of our brokenness  
and offering the cup of healing.**

Then, we witnessed your trial and death and heard your last words.

**And we wondered, again, as we so often do,  
what we'd find at the tombs of our humanity.**

And what we discovered was your amazing love, your eternal spirit, your gracious compassion, and your presence!

**You have arisen among us again. Alleluia!**

Our hearts are full of joy. Our spirits rise up.

**We thank you, Holy One,  
for the journey, the challenge,  
the compassion of your eternal presence,  
and for your love.**

**For it's in the spirit of your love itself that we too rise  
and give thanks this day.**

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

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Jesus Christ, the True Vine.

*Congregational Response – "Amen" or "Thanks be to God"*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (in unison)

**Holy One,  
may we, who share Christ's body,  
live his risen life.  
May we, who drink his cup,  
bring new life to others.  
May we, who the Spirit lights,  
give light to the world.  
Keep us firm, Holy One,  
in the hope you've set before us,  
that we shall be free to do what's right  
and all of creation will benefit from it.  
Amen.**

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** – "Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!" – MV #121

**Refrain:**

**Hey now! Singing hallelujah!  
Hey now! The morning has come!  
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!  
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.**

Jesus loved people and he made them friends.  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.  
He called to the children and the women and men.  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.

**Refrain:**

Jesus healed people and he helped them be well.  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.  
He taught about God in the stories he'd tell.  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.

**Refrain:**

Jesus loves people and he lives again!  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.  
Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends.  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.

**Refrain:**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL SENDING FORTH**

*As we go into the future,  
As we tell of the Good News,  
We will show our love for others,  
Just as Christ has told us to.  
We will tell the wondrous story,  
Of a love that's made for you,  
And it's all because of Easter –  
Sing a joyous Hal-le-lu!*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer;  
Death is strong, but Life is stronger;  
Stronger than the dark, the light,  
Stronger than the wrong, the right...*

*~Phillips Brooks,  
"An Easter Carol"*

# Church News

**This Week at First United –April 22 – April 27**

Monday	Closed	Easter Monday
Tuesday	9am	Ways & Means – Eddy Rm
	7pm	Property Mang. Team - RMR
	6:15	Cubs & Scouts – DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9-11am	Badminton
	9-noon	TAB
	7pm	Christian Dev. - RMR

The bulletin today has been placed  
***in loving memory of Art Bond***  
by Dot, Cora & Helen.

## **Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre**

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **282**

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.

## **Meeting of West Bathurst Cemetery Committee –**

Members of the West Bathurst Cemetery Committee are asked to meet in the Ruth Morrison Room on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting is to plan for the upcoming maintenance of the West Bathurst and St. Luke’s “Old Scottish” Cemeteries for 2019.

**Notice of meeting** - Members of the Property Management Team are asked to meet in the Ruth Morrison Room on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 7:00 P.M.

## **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



## **Sponsored by**

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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 12<sup>th</sup> with your dedications. Please have your dedications in by Monday, May 6.<sup>th</sup>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:lking@united-church.ca))**

**Register by April 30th, 2019**

*Success  
will never be a big step in the future,  
success  
is a small step taken just now.  
~Jonatan Mårtensson~*

## 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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Christ Church Clifton.

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

### **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.

### **WILLY WONKA and the chocolate factory**

A Bathurst High School Music Department Production

[April 25-27, 7pm](#) [April 28, 2pm](#)

Gwendolyn Kent Auditorium

Adults \$15, Children under 12: \$10/ Family Pass: \$40

Tickets available at A Few Splinters, BHS or from Cast Members

### **Family & Community Breakfast**

Saturday, May 11, 2019 8:00 – 10:00 am

Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

**Central United Clifton.** The fundraising committee will be having a plant sale on Saturday June 8 from 9-1 in the Central United church hall in Clifton. Plant donations can be brought to the hall on Friday the 7th at 6pm. If you have any questions please contact Pat Scott @ [546-3819](tel:546-3819)

*Easter spells out beauty,  
the rare beauty of new life.*

*~S.D. Gordon~*

## *Easter Joy*

*Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.*

*Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself;  
He made us clean and new.*

*He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for sin;  
He paid it out of love.*

*Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
But the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter morn  
That fills our hearts with joy.*

*Now we know our earthly death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.*

*So we live our lives for Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.  
Help us love like you!*

*By Joanna Fuchs*

## Isaiah 65:17-25 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### The Glorious New Creation

<sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.

<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.

<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.

<sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered  
accursed.

<sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;<sup>[a]</sup>  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—  
and their descendants as well.

<sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
says the LORD.

## John 20:1-18 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### The Resurrection of Jesus

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

<sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

<sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

<sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

<sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

<sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

<sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

<sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

### Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look<sup>[a]</sup> into the tomb;

<sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

<sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

<sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,<sup>[b]</sup> "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.