

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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April 28, 2019

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Custodian Steve White

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Acts 5:27-32</i> <i>Psalm 150</i> <i>Revelation 1:4-8</i> <i>John 20:19-31</i>	<i>Acts 9:1-20</i> <i>Psalm 30</i> <i>Revelation 5:11-14</i> <i>John 21:1-19</i>

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

We welcome Linda Knowles-MacPherson and thank her for leading our music today.

We welcome the Men's choir today and thank them for leading our music as well.

GATHERING

MUSICAL PRELUDE

***CHORAL OPENING** – “Alleluia! Alleluia!”
[Tune *Hymn of Joy VU #232*]

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Saviour
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
now is risen from the dead.

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN –**

“Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks” – VU #179

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (responsively)

...Holy One, may your Spirit fall upon us that we may discover our voice, reclaiming the power of the Christ for whom death has no hold and who gives life to all.

Amen.

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** (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY (with children of all ages)

***SINGING A SONG –**

“Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet” – VU #245

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Epistle: Acts 5:27-32

Catherine Eddy

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM - “Take My Life and Let It Be”

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RESPONDING

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 –**

"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, thanks for the countless acts of love,
both big and small, that give life.
Holy One, when we focus solely
on the disappointments and the brokenness,
we grow discouraged and feel ready to give up.
When we're reminded of the kindness
and compassion that we've known, however,
our hearts are filled with gratitude
for the many ways your love is at work in our world.
Holy One, we dedicate these offerings
and our lives to the power of your grace.
Amen.**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS –

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" – VU #400

***Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

GOING OUT (as God's people)

***CLOSING HYMN –**

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" – VU #559

***BLESSING (responsively)**

Go now with the courage to speak out where your voice is needed.

We will not be silent.

Go now ready to let love be a disruptive presence
in your life and world.

**We will live as witnesses to resurrection power,
filled with the spirit of the One who gifts us life.**

***CHORAL SENDING FORTH –**

"As We Go" [Tune *Promise VU #703*]

***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

*How beautiful a day can be
When kindness touches it!
~George Elliston*

Church News

This Week at First United –April 29 – May 4

Monday	9am	Ways & Means – Eddy Rm
	9-11am	Badminton
	6:15pm	Beavers – Rms 1,2 &3
Tuesday	6:15	Cubs & Scouts – DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9-11am	Badminton
	9-noon	TAB
	4pm	Youth Group - DEMH
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
	7pm	West Bathurst Cem. - RMR

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **305**

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.

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.

The Ways and Means Sub-Team would like to express our sincere thanks to the congregation of First United Church for your continued support of our many meals. We are inviting you to attend a FREE lunch in the DEM Hall next Sunday, May 5, following the church service. We will serve you turkey soup, tea biscuits, cupcakes, and tea or coffee.

Sunrise Breakfast

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

TODAY

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

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.

Community Events

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.

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)

Celtic Week, April 28 to May 4 The Irish and Scottish Association in Bathurst area will be celebrating Celtic week at their respective booths in the Heritage Museum from 2-4pm Monday through Saturday. Activities will range from Celtic music. Artifacts, genealogy, art works, and a play titled "The last Irish Wake" which will be played at 7pm, Tuesday, April 30th. The general public is invited to come out and help us celebrate our combined heritage.

John 20:19-31 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah,^[c] the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Acts 5:27-32 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them,

²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,^[a] yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.^[b]

³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."