

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**May 19, 2019**

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

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Acts 11:1-18</i> <i>Psalm 148</i> <i>Revelation 21:1-6</i> <i>John 13:31-35</i>	<i>I Timothy 6:11-19</i> <i>Luke 10:25-37</i>

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

GATHERING

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**\*CHORAL OPENING** – “This Is the Day” – MV #122

***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**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** –

“Worship the Lord” – VU #401 (Verses 1, 3 & 5)

**PRAYER OF HUMILITY** (responsively)

...We admire the independence, the outward strength, the autonomy of those who stand alone.

**But then we hear your voice, “love one another, just as I have loved you.”**

Sometimes we become afraid to admit we need other people, that our well-being is dependent on the well-being of others, including Earth.

**But then we hear your voice, “love one another, just as I have loved you.”**

Sometimes we resist the notion of vulnerability that love demands because we think it makes us look weak.

**But then we hear your voice, “love one another, just as I have loved you.”**

...so we separate ourselves, judge, and exclude those who are in some way different.

**But then your spirit comes to us saying, “not to make a distinction between them and us.”**

Sometimes we accept the exploitation of Creation, the exploitation of people because we believe we’ll benefit and we see them as lesser value than ourselves.

**But then your spirit comes to us saying, “not to make a distinction between them and us.”**

...And restore us to the deep and rich relatedness for which we were born.

**Help us know that our solidarity is our strength and that our unity with you, and all of life—is our hope. 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** – “For the Beauty of the Earth” – VU #226

*ENGAGING*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Wayne Lord*

**Gospel:** John 13:31-35

**Epistle:** Acts 11:1-18

**REFLECTION**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**ANTHEM** - “As the Wind Song Through the Trees”

*RESPONDING*

**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** –

“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,**

**we dedicate these gifts,**

**as we rededicate ourselves,**

**to preparing the way for a new heaven**

**and renewed Earth where all people**

**and all Creation know the full measure of your peace.**

**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** (responsively)

...And then your Spirit draws us back into relationship  
with you and all of life, reminding us

**we are a resurrection people.**

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...And so we join together with one voice, as together,  
we proclaim

**we are a resurrection people.**

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

*GOING OUT (as God’s people)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** – “Creator God You Gave Us Life” – MV #27

Creator God you gave us life,

your image formed within our souls,

yet through the mist of time and space,

we search for that which makes us whole.

## Community Events

### *Refrain*

*Through hands that paint majestic skies,  
and voices chanting melody,  
with words that reach beyond the page,  
we comprehend your mystery.*

In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,  
we see your great diversity,  
yet greater still we see your love,  
expressed in our humanity.

### *Refrain*

When with our hearts, our hands our minds,  
we share our gifts with all the world,  
our spirits soar beyond the veil,  
to touch the very face of God.

### *Refrain*

#### **\*BLESSING** (responsively)

...Go now as people of the resurrection,  
living the love we've received.

**We go in solidarity, led by the Spirit,  
in whom all things are one.**

**Amen**

#### **\*CHORAL SENDING FORTH –**

"As We Go into the Future" [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**

**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)

**The Anglican Parish of New Bandon** will be holding their annual Lobster Supper on Saturday June 1, 2019. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children 12 and under. Sittings are at 4:30 pm and 6 pm, takeouts also available. Only 400 tickets will be sold- 200 eat in and 200 take out For tickets, or for more information, please contact Norma Ellis 546-9638, Elaine Good 546-2970, Kay Addison 350-0960 , Lorna Veneau 546-2948 or Mitzi Whelton 546-4969. Thank you

**Highland View Cemetery:** There are a number of headstone saddles that have been blown from the memorial stones and are now next to the utility shed. Please check to see if yours is there. The Highland View Committee request that , going forward, the name of the deceased is noted on the memorial flowers and they will do their best to put them back on the proper headstone if they blow off.

#### **Country & Gospel Music Night** May 25, 2019 Saturday 7:00pm

Christ Church Hall, Clifton

Featuring; The Country Capers, Bill McLean, John & Isabel Clouston, Giles Murty, Mary Ann Riordon-Barry, Denver Daley & Brad Legacy, Tommy Jagoe & Raymond Legère. Free will offering for Camp-on-the-Road by the Anglican Parish of New Bandon.

Contact; Allen Miller )(506) 544-5625

#### **"Spring Cleaning with Meaning" Clothing Drive** – Parkwood

Height Elementary School is working with the New Brunswick Association for Community Living to help bring awareness of the support provided by this agency for people with intellectual disabilities in our region. As a result, Parkwood Heights Elementary School will collect garbage bags of used clothing and other goods (linens, blankets, shoes, boots, curtains, and coats), and NBACL will provide a monetary contribution for each bag collected. The money received will be donated to "Help Lesotho" in support of ASD-N's "Lesotho Initiative". Items can be dropped off at the school on 1125 Highland Avenue between 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. on school days until June 7, 2019. For more information contact Gary Branch at 546-9208.

## *A Friend I Can Count On*

*When troubles come a callin'  
As those gremlins often do,  
And my spirit keeps on fallin'  
Till I feel low down and blue...*

*When I look around for comfort,  
Someone quickly jumps to mind,  
One who always will support me,  
And whose words are always kind.*

*Who will make my mood feel lighter,  
Who'll help beat my troubles back,  
She makes the sun shine brighter  
And gets my spirit back on track.*

*Who helps the road seem straighter,  
And helps me get around each bend,  
Who makes each day seem greater,  
And that someone is you, my friend.*

*By Joanna Fuchs*

# Church News

**This Week at First United – May 20 – May 25**



Monday	Office Closed	Victoria Day
Tuesday	4:00	Pastoral Council – Eddy Rm
	6:15	Cubs & Scouts – DEMH Gym
	6:30PM	Work Night – St. Luke’s Cem.
Wednesday	9-noon	TAB
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:30am	Comm. Outreach - RMR

You are invited to join the family of  
***Dot Bond***  
 in celebrating her 100th birthday,  
 on Saturday, June 1st., from two to four,  
 in the UCT room at the Foyer Notre- Dame.  
 Best wishes only.

**Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre**

Commitment December 31, 2019      **900**  
 Total Collected      **325**  
 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.



**Cemetery “Clean Up”** – The West Bathurst Cemetery Committee has a spring “Clean Up” for St. Luke’s “Old Scottish” Cemetery for Tuesday evening, May 21, starting at 6:30. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Thank You :** The Property Management team would like to thank everyone who came to help with the yard clean-up at First United on Monday night.

**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.

**Gospel Hymn Sing**

Sunday, June 2, 2019, 2pm  
 An afternoon of favorite gospel music, hymn sing selections and special music by First United Choir and Friends with Special Guests  
 Emma Vickers, Kurt Hadley, Alysa Collins,  
 John & Isabel Clouston  
 Take Note and The Treble Makers ~  
 Tickets Adults \$10 Youth 5\$  
 Available at the church office (546-3532) and from choir members.  
 Reception will follow the Hymn Sing.

**Chicken Salad Takeout**

Friday, May 31, 2019  
 Donald Eddy Memorial Hall  
 Adults \$12 - Children (12 & under) \$6  
 Pick-up times  
 11:30am-1pm & 4-5:30pm  
 For tickets call 546-3532  
 Prepared by: Friends of First  
 Sponsored by Colin Brewster  
 of Assante Wealth Management



**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.

## **John 13:31-35 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

### **The New Commandment**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

<sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him,<sup>[a]</sup> God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## **Acts 11:1-18 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

### **Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem**

11 Now the apostles and the believers<sup>[a]</sup> who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.

<sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers<sup>[b]</sup> criticized him,

<sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

<sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,

<sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.

<sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.

<sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'

<sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

<sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.'<sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

<sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

<sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us.<sup>[c]</sup> These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

<sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;

<sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

<sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

<sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

<sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."