

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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June 16, 2019

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Psalm 42 & 43 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

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

We welcome Audrey Daley-Stoneham today and thank her for leading our service of worship.

GATHERING

Musical Prelude

***Choral Opening** – 'Praise to the Lord' # 835 VU vs1

*Praise to the Lord,
all of you, God's servants.
Blessed be the name
of our God now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun
may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!*

Welcome (including our friends worshipping by CD)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord glory and honour.
Come and worship the Lord in holy splendour.

**People: To the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Gathering Prayer

***Gathering Hymn** -

"Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

312 VU

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and majesty,
you are slow to anger and swift to forgive.
You have shown us the depth of your love,
and yet we are reluctant
to love others even a little.
You have shown us
compassion and forgiveness,
and yet we walk away
from one another without concern.
You show us the way of service,
and yet we put up barriers
and keep your gifts for ourselves.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Create in us new hearts.
Give us courage to forgive one another,
and to forgive ourselves.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Choral Response – "Holy, Holy, Holy" – # 951 VU

*Holy, holy, holy,
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy, God.*

* **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 "When We Seek Language" # 49 MV

When we seek language to praise you, O God,
All we can utter seems stale, tame, or odd.
Tongue-tied and word-lost, we struggle to find
Phrases that slight neither heart, soul, nor mind:

Refrain:
***Infinite intimate unbounded friend,
Cosmic companion who loves without end,
Nearer than heart-beat, more subtle than breath,
Keener than insight, and stronger than death.***

Steadfastly loving, you gave us your Word,
Living among us on earth, seen and heard,
Teacher and healer whose promise came true,
Dying and rising to make all things new:

Refrain:

To be our guardian, supporter, and guide,
You sent your Spirit to stay by our side,
Source of community, well-spring of prayer,
Power to strengthen, and courage to dare:

Refrain:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*Psalm 8 #732 VU

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Gary Branch

Refecation "Putting Father in his place"

Anthem – "Three Things I Promise"

Minute for Mission

Bev Murphy

Offering

***Choral Response –**

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

***Dedication**

**Generous God,
we thank you for all we have received from you
which brings us hope and joy.
Bless the gifts we bring.
May they help to establish your reign
in the world you love.
In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen**

Sharing Our Concerns –

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

We pray all these things through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who taught us to pray together, saying

Our Father.... VU #921 (unison)

GOING OUT (as God's people)

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** – "Jesus, United by Your Grace" #591VU

Church News

***Commissioning /Benediction**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.
And may the blessing of God,
who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
be with you now and always. Amen.

***Choral Closing: 'When You Walk From Here' #298 VU**

***When you walk from here,
When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy,
And with God's humble care.***

Organ Postlude

*Dad,
your guiding hand on my shoulder
will remain with me forever.
~Author Unknown*

This Week at First United –June 17-June 22

Monday	7pm	Property Management - RMR
Wednesday	3pm	Office Closed
Friday	Office Closed	Summer Hours

The flowers in our sanctuary today
have been placed in loving memory of
Hope Scott
from her children and their families

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **412**

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 July and Aug. 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.

Summer Hours: Starting June 7 until the end of August the church
office hours will be Monday - Thursday, 8-4. Closed 12-1.

*Dad,
you're someone to look up to
no matter how tall I've grown.
~Author Unknown*

Community Events

Thank you! – The “Lesotho Initiative” Committee and students and staff of Parkwood Heights Elementary School extend a sincere thank you to everyone who donated clothing to their recent clothing drive. A total of 205 bags of clothing were collected. As a result, \$615. was raised in support of “Help Lesotho” and the agency’s work with vulnerable children and grandmothers in the tiny mountain kingdom of Lesotho, Africa.

2019 Quilt Tea @ Central United Clifton, NB

Saturday, July 6th 10 am – 4 pm

Tickets are 10\$ each and include entry to quilt display; sweetbreads & beverages.

Door prizes to be won! Draw of Quilt Raffle to take place (tickets available at Tea)

For tickets for Tea please contact;

Elan Dempsey 548-9160; Debbie Hachey 546-2926,
Shirley Scott 546-8285, Isabel Clouston 548-1500

*Life is like a Quilt
Years bound together
Embellished with family
and Friends.
Backed with Tradition,
Stitched with Love
With cornerstones placed carefully
To create a one-of-a-kind
Journey through Time.*

Proverbs 8:1-4, 8:22-31 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Gifts of Wisdom

8 Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

² On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³ beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

⁴ "To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

Wisdom's Part in Creation

²² The LORD created me at the beginning^[a] of his work,^[b]
the first of his acts of long ago.

²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—

²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,^[c]
or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;^[d]
and I was daily his^[e] delight,
rejoicing before him always,

³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Romans 5:1-5 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Results of Justification

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we^[a] have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,

² through whom we have obtained access^[b] to this grace in which we
stand; and we^[c] boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

³ And not only that, but we^[d] also boast in our sufferings, knowing that
suffering produces endurance,

⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been
poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to
us.

John 16:12-15 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them
now.

¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth;
for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and
he will declare to you the things that are to come.

¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to
you.

¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take
what is mine and declare it to you.