

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**July 14, 2019**

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<b>Lectionary for today</b>	<b>Lectionary for next Sunday</b>
<i>Amos 7:7-17</i> <i>Psalm 82</i> <i>Colossians 1:1-14</i> <i>Luke 10:25-37</i>	<i>Amos 8:1-12</i> <i>Psalm 52</i> <i>Colossians 1:15-28</i> <i>Luke 10:38-42</i>

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

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**\*CHORAL OPENING** – “Praise to the Lord” – VU #835 (Verse 1)  
*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 THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)  
 Come, neighbours and strangers,  
**prophets, and seekers of justice,**  
 those who need a helping hand,  
**and those who have something to offer.**  
 Whether your faith is weak or strong,  
**come: let’s be neighbours in this place.**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** –

“There’s A Wildness in God’s Mercy” – 271 VU

**PRAYER OF HUMILITY** (responsively)

...when we hear prophets calling us to measure up, and we turn away,

**help us to answer.**

When we see our neighbours in need and turn away,

**help us to respond.**

When we assume we’re too busy, or too important, to get involved,

**help us to rethink our priorities.**

**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** – “By the Well, A Thirsty Woman” – #117 MV

By the well, a thirsty woman  
 found the life that you could give.  
 We, too, thirst like empty vessels –  
 fill us full that we may live.  
 Jesus, source of living water,  
 Well-spring bubbling deep with-in,  
 By the waters of our baptism  
 wisdom purpose life begin.

Plant us firm, like trees by water,  
 send our roots down deep in you,  
 quench our parched and thirsty spirits  
 with your water, pure and true.  
 Jesus, source of living water,  
 Nourisher of all on earth,  
 By the waters of our baptism  
 quicken growth and give new birth.

May we be your streams of justice,  
as the water, may we move  
through your people – by your Spirit  
showing mercy, sharing love,  
Jesus source of living water,  
Ground-swell forcing truth to view,  
By the waters of our baptism  
Set us free to live for you.

*ENGAGING*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Amos 7:7-17  
Luke 10:25-37

*Catherine Eddy*

**REFLECTION**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**ANTHEM** – “Deep in Our Hearts”

*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,  
may our gifts enable us to be a place  
where strangers become friends,  
outcasts are welcomed, seekers receive,  
and doubters find faith.  
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)

***Response –***

***“Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbours we have from you.” [Refrain - VU #593]***

We give thanks, Holy One, for the many mercies of each day,  
for the kind word given freely, for the smile offered sincerely,  
for the simple moments when someone loves a neighbour. **R.**

We remember and pray for people who care for others,  
all of those whose compassionate attention to detail enhances  
another’s life. **R.**

...We pray for a greater understanding and awareness  
that everyone is our neighbour. **R.**

...We pray for justice for those who are mistreated by others. **R.**

In the many roads we’ve yet to walk,  
the journeys still to undertake,  
may we find our neighbour at ever turn,  
and accept the ongoing surprise of the gospel everywhere. **R.**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CLOSING HYMN – "Body, Mind and Spirit" – #153 MV

Body, mind and spirit,  
Holy, earthly trinity,  
Joy of God, Creator,  
Life lived abundantly.

Body, mind and spirit,  
Challenged, battered by earth's ills,  
Know that Christ rests within us,  
And stormy water stills.

Body, mind and spirit,  
Nurtured in community,  
Prayer, concern, loving action,  
Faithful humanity.

Body, mind and spirit,  
In God's image born to be.  
Sing, rejoice in life most sacred.  
Revel in mystery.

### \*BLESSING (responsively)

...Go now from this gathering to meet neighbours with open hands and open hearts, giving and receiving the goodness of God's love!

**We go to love God, and to love our neighbours as we love ourselves.**

**Amen.**

### \*CHORAL CLOSING – "When You Walk from Here" – VU #298

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

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

### This Week at First United – July 15-July 20

Monday	Office Closed	3:30
Friday	Office Closed	Summer Hours

### **Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre**

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **454**

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.

A sincere thank you is extended to the First United church family for support given and condolences expressed to the Smiths, MacLaggans and McKays upon the death of Heather. Your kindness shown in so many ways was certainly comforting.

*Know Your Worth*

*You must find the courage to leave the table  
if respect is no longer being served.*

*Tene Edwards*

# Community Events

## **Camp On The Road** Children ages 5-12

Christ Church Hall, Clifton 9AM – 3 PM Monday July 22  
9:00AM -3 PM Tuesday July 23, Wednesday July 24 and Thursday July  
26. Registration information from Laura McNulty at 546-2890 email  
mcnullyl@nb.sympatico.ca  
We will accept the first 18 applicants

## **Hospitality Days Breakfast**

Saturday, July 20, 2019 8:00 – 10:30 am  
Saint George's Church Hall\432 King Avenue  
Tickets: Adults – \$ 7.50, Children 12 and under – \$ 4.00, Family of 4 –  
\$ 20.00 Tickets available in advance by calling the Church Office at  
546-3225 and at the door on July 20th

**The Anglican Parish of New Bandon** will be holding a Strawberry  
Social and bake sale on Wednesday, July 17 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
at Christ Church Hall in Clifton. Cost is \$6. Come out and enjoy a  
delicious shortcake and some home baking.

**St. Luke's Vacation Bible School.** ROAR - Life is wild - God is  
Good. July 22-26. 9:00 am - 12:00pm. Ages 4-12. Free. Register by  
calling Rev. Glen Sampson at 506-546-4645 and leave a message or  
email [gsampson3@gmail.com](mailto:gsampson3@gmail.com). Space may be limited.

## **Catalyst: - Stonehaven – New Bandon Community Chapel**

Saturday, Aug 3, 2019 7pm.  
Come out and support our Community Chapel while listening to  
beautiful music by a local trio consisting of Alysa Collins, Eddie Edwards  
and Claudette Belliveau. Songs from The Carpenters to John Denver to  
Bob Dylan and more you are sure to love. A free will offering will be  
collected in support of the chapel.

**Stonehaven - New Bandon Union Cemetery Inc.** will hold a work  
night on Monday, July 22 beginning at 6 pm. All people able to help  
are asked to meet at the Stonehaven Cemetery at 6 pm.

**Country Gospel Jam/Concert** at Central United July 20 at 7pm.  
Local entertainers Free Will OFFERING..

## **Amos 7:7-17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>7</sup> This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

### **Amaziah Complains to the King**

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.

<sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.'"

<sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there;

<sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am <sup>[a]</sup> no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am <sup>[b]</sup> a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,

<sup>15</sup> and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

<sup>16</sup> "Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.  
You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel,  
and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

<sup>17</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD:  
"Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,  
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,  
and your land shall be parceled out by line;  
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,  
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

## **Luke 10:25-37 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

### **The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. <sup>[a]</sup> "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

<sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

<sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

<sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

<sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

<sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.

<sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

<sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, <sup>[b]</sup> gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

<sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

<sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."