

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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July 21, 2019

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Amos 8:1-12</i> <i>Psalm 52</i> <i>Colossians 1:15-28</i> <i>Luke 10:38-42</i>	<i>Hosea 1:2-10</i> <i>Psalm 85</i> <i>Colossians 2:6-19</i> <i>Luke 11:1-13</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

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** –
 “Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing” –VU #223

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (responsively)

Response: help us, Holy One, to make the necessary changes.

...When we’re too busy to spend time in prayer and to listen for your word in our lives, **R.**

When we’re too busy to notice the needs of others and/or the ways we can be present with them, **R.**

When we’re too busy to stop what we’re doing and help one another, or laugh with one another, or simply notice one another, **R.**

When life becomes overwhelming, and we don’t even take time for our own needs, **R.**

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** –

“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” MV #10
 Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
 she who danced when earth was new.
 Follow closely what she teaches,
 for her words are right and true.
 Wisdom clears the path to justice,
 showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the market place.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 10:38-42

Helen Knowles

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM "Take Time to Be Holy"

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,
we bring the fruits of the earth,
the work of our hands,
and the gifts of our hearts.
And with them,
we bring a yearning for justice,
a passion for what's good,
and a commitment to do your will.
May our words and our works,
we pray,
help declare your goodness.
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 – (Ecumenical Version) (in unison) VU #921

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

GOING OUT (as God's people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – "Take My Life and Let It Be" – VU #506

***BLESSING**

***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

Rest is not idleness,
and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a
summer's day,
listening to the murmur of water,
or watching the clouds float across the blue sky,
is by no means waste of time.
~John Lubbock

Church News

This Week at First United –July 22-July 26

Monday	Office Closed	3:30
Friday	Office Closed	Summer Hours

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**
Total Collected **463**

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 perfect summer day is when the sun is shining,
the breeze is blowing,
the birds are singing,
and the lawn mower is broken.
~James Dent

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
25. Registration information from Laura McNulty at 546-2890 email
Mcnulltyl@nb.sympatico.ca
We will accept the first 18 applicants

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. 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.

Above all else: go out with a sense of humor.
It is needed armor.
Joy in one's heart and some laughter on one's lips is a sign that the
person down deep has a pretty good grasp of life.
~Hugh Sidey

SCRIPTURE READING

One: There is a time to help...

Two: and there's a time to let someone else help.

One: There's a time to work...

Two: and there's a time to take a break and renew your spirit.

One: There's a time to lead...

Two: and there's a time to let someone else figure out what to do.

One: There's a time to repair...

Two: and there's a time to go buy a new one.

One: There's a time to offer help...

Two: and there's a time to let them learn on their own.

One: There's a time to clean...

Two: and there's a time to make a little more mess first.

One: There's a time to start a new, ambitious project...

Two: and there's a time to stop and see that none want to work on that project right now.

One: There's a time to worry about what will happen next...

Two: and there's a time to trust that even though unseen, there's a future coming.

One: There's a time to speak up...

Two: and there's a time to just stop.

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;

42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

May God bless to our understanding—this important part—of our Christian story...