

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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August 4, 2019

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Hosea:11:1-11</i> <i>Psalm 107:1-9, 43</i> <i>Colossians:3:1-11</i> <i>Luke 12:13-21</i>	<i>Isaiah 1:1, 10-20</i> <i>Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23</i> <i>Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16</i> <i>Luke 12:32-40</i>

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

We welcome Audrey Daley-Stoneham M. Div, and thank her for leading our service this morning.

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

GATHERING

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

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

All: God’s faithful love endures forever.

One: Has the Lord redeemed you? Then say so!

All: God has redeemed us from trouble and led us by straight paths.

One: Praise the Lord for God’s steadfast love is great!

All: God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** – “Jesus Bids Us Shine” VU #585

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

God of new life and hope,
we confess that we forget your vision for the world.
Anxiety fills our lives with worry.
When things go wrong, we point fingers
and ascribe blame to everyone but ourselves.
We store up material things,
thinking that possessions will protect us from
uncertainty.
Forgive us, God,
and help us to grow into your people,
marked by the humility, gentleness, patience and
kindness you cherish for us.

Assurance of Pardon

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** – “Jesus Came, a Child like Me” VU #583

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING – Hosea 11:1-11

Luke 12: 13-21

Isabel MacLaggan

REFLECTION:

“Finding our Youth”

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM

“Love Lifted Me”

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)

God, you are so faithful and generous to us.

We offer these gifts to you in Jesus’ name,

trusting that you will bless them and us,

**so that your goodness is multiplied to touch the lives
of those in need, for Christ’s sake. 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 – (in unison) VU #921

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory

forever and ever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – “Lord, Speak to Me” VU #589

COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

***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

*Just what is a friend; do you ask of me?
I think it is one who will ever be
Loyal and loving, what e'er may betide;
One who will always stand close by our side
With faith and trust and a fond, cheery smile
Of understanding for us all the while;
One who is ready to give us a hand
As we struggle on through the shifting sands
Of time: an honest, sincere friend is one
Who will share our sorrows, our joys, our fun;
And we know in him we can ever trust
Till the time our bodies return to dust!
~Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "A Friend" (1940s)*

This Week at First United –August 4 – 10, 2019

Tuesday	Office Closed	At 3 pm
Friday	Office Closed	Summer Hours

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**
Total Collected **488**

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.



For Pastoral Care Emergencies during Rev. Palmer’s vacation please contact the church office and you will be directed to the replacing personnel.

The Upper Room for September and October 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.

Thank You is extended to Bev Murphy and Pat Thibideau for being our greeters; Edie Gammon and Gary Branch for being our counters and Shirley Allain and Ralph Jamieson for being on the sound system during the month of July. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Community Events

The Celebration of Life for Rena Scott Taylor will be held at 11 am August 6, 2019 at Central United Church, Clifton.

St. Luke's Church in Belledune is celebrating its 130th Anniversary with a SPECIAL SERVICE on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 3p.m.

We invite everyone to join us.

St. Luke's (formerly St. Luke's United) is located at 364 Main Street (just below the Smelter Complex on Route 134).

Parking is available to the west of the church

For more information please call Mary Eva at 522-5600 or Gordon at 522-2900.

A representative from "The Friends of Israel" Gospel Ministry will hold an information meeting with an update on current Middle East events with time for Q and A on Tuesday August 6 at 7 pm at 1665 Riverbank Drive (Charles and Linda Lavigne). All are welcome. For further info see website. (www.foi.org)

Friends are like walls. Sometimes you lean on them, and sometimes it's good just knowing they are there. ~Author unknown

Hosea 11:1-11 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

God's Compassion Despite Israel's Ingratitude

11 When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

² The more I^[a] called them,
the more they went from me;^[b]
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.

³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my^[c] arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.^[d]
I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

⁶ The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.

⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.^[e]

⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.^[f]

¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD,
who roars like a lion;
when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.

¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

Luke 12:13-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

