

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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August 11, 2019

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Hosea:11:1-11</i> <i>Psalms 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>Psalms 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.

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

Leader: The sacrifice that honours God is a thankful heart.

**All: We lift up our hearts with gratitude,
and our voices with praise
for all that God has done.**

Leader: The eye of the Lord is on those who fear him;
on those who hope in God’s steadfast love.

**All: Our soul waits for the Lord
who is our help and shield.
We trust in God’s holy name
and so we come to worship.**

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN -**

‘God, We Praise You for the Morning’ #415 VU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy,
we confess that we are not always ready.
We are not always ready to do what you call us to do.
We are afraid,
so we store up treasures for our own security.
We are uncertain,
so we hesitate when you call us to act.
We are selfish,
so we look after ourselves first,
putting your mission in second place.
Forgive us, O God, and give us the readiness to serve.
So that our lives of faithful service
will bring glory to your name. Amen.**

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 Laughed Out Loud*' #133 MV

Jesus laughed out loud
To see the children play:
His joyful presence drew a crowd
We could not send away.

Jesus healed a child
By asking her to rise,
And doubtful people wept and smiled
To see her open eyes.

Jesus felt the need;
We made the crowd sit down.
A boy had faith and all were fed,
Though we were far from town.

Jesus climbed a hill
To pray and rest alone;
We wondered why we felt the chill
Of wind and wood and stone.

Jesus called my name
When he was passing by;
My life will never be the same;
This love will never die.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18: 12-14 (The lost sheep)
John 6: 1-13 (The loaves and the fishes)

Sherry Mitton

REFLECTION:

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM

'I Am the Dream'

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)

**Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Bless and use our offerings for your glory.
Give us the courage to offer ourselves fully to you,
trusting that you will guide us on our journeys of faith,
wherever we go. 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 –

GOING OUT (as God's people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN –**

'Make Me A Channel of Your Peace'

#684 VU

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

*A rose can say "I love you",
orchids can enthrall,
but a weed bouquet in a chubby fist,
yes, that says it all.
~Author unknown*

Church News

This Week at First United –August 12 – 17, 2019

Friday	Office Closed	Summer Hours
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Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **517**

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.

*Every child
comes with the message
that God is not yet discouraged of man.
~Rabindranath Tagore~*

Community Events

RSVP Ministries invites you to our "The Beat Goes On" Luncheon at House of Lee – Grand Buffet, 315 Main Street, Bathurst on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, cost \$18.50, from 11:15am - 1:00pm, doors open at 11:00am. Bathurst vocalist & musician, Nicole Pitre, accompanied by David Hills, classical guitarist from Toronto, will present us with a mini concert, and Donna Thorburn of Riverview NB will speak to us on "Shiny symbols of life's experiences". **Reservations and cancellations are necessary.** Please contact Joanne at 542-1118 or ejgodin@bellaliant.net or contact Connie at 546-2127. Note: for those who have dietary restrictions, please contact Joanne for the alternate meal.

*While we try
to teach our children
all about life,
Our children teach us
what life is all about.
~Angela Schwindt*

Matthew 18:12-14 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹² What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?

¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.

¹⁴ So it is not the will of your^[a] Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

John 6:1-13 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Feeding the Five Thousand

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.^[a]

² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"

⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages^[b] would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,

⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"

¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they^[c] sat down, about five thousand in all.

¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."

¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.