

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Isaiah 5:1-7</i>	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i>
<i>Psalms 80: 1-2, 8-19</i>	<i>Psalms 71:1-6</i>
<i>Hebrews 11:29- 12:2</i>	<i>Hebrews 12:18-29</i>
<i>Luke 12:49-56</i>	<i>Luke 13:10-17</i>

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

We welcome Helen Knowles 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 of the Christ Candle and Call to Worship:

(responsively)

The Christ Candle symbolizes the presence of Christ,
the Light of the world.

Alive, in our midst, this day and every day.

May the Light of Christ be with you,

And also with you.

We have gathered to worship,
giving thanks for the Spirit that draws us together,
For the fresh breezes of summer,
the rain that nourishes new life,
the warmth of the sun,
that gives health to our living;
For holidays and holy days,
for friends and family and for a world at play.
We celebrate the presence of God in all things.
Let us worship our loving & generous God.

Gathering Prayer:

***Gathering Hymn:** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” - **VU #232**

Prayer of Humility: (in unison)

Creator God,
even though we acknowledge
your generous love for us,
it is hard to live each day
as children of your blessing.
Sometimes, the banquet of life’s opportunities
lures us in different directions,
until the song of your presence becomes faint.
At other times, the worries and fears,
the doubts and disappointments overwhelm us,
until we cannot feel your spirit
sustaining us in the midst of uncertainty.
Loving God, forgive us
for sometimes living with a hesitant and lukewarm faith.
Transform us with your love,
that we may abundantly share the gift
of your blessing with others. 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)

Praising God with Music

***Singing a Song:** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" **-VU #291**

ENGAGING

Prayer for Illumination:

Scripture Readings:

Joanne Wiseman

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 98 **# 818 VU**

New Testament: Colossians 3: 12-17

Reflection: Music Matters

How Great Thou Art #238 VU

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,

How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,

How great thou art! How great thou art!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness #288 VU

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

all I have needed thy hand hath provided--

Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee #560 VU

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care

Help me the slow of heart to move
With some clear wining word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

All the Way My Savior Leads Me #635 VU

All the way my Savior leads me
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand #670 VU

Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

God Will Take Care of You #96 SofG

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you,

Thro' ev'ry day, o'er all the way;

He will take care of you,

God will take care of you.

Anthem:

RESPONDING

Minute for Mission

Catherine Eddy

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, we offer these gifts and our very selves to you,
as a means of providing hope for the world.
Bless them and offerings contributed through PAR,
for your ministry in this community
and work done through United Church partnerships
around the world. 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: - VU #921 (in unison)

Announcements:

***Closing Hymn:** “Now Thank We All Our God” - VU #236

***Blessing:**

***Choral Sending Forth – “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

*There is nothing in the world
so much like prayer
as music is.
~William P. Merrill~*

Church News

This Week at First United –August 19 – 24, 2019

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**
Total Collected **527**

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.

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.

Colossians 3:12-17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord^[a] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ^[b] dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.^[c]

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.