

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Lamentations 1:1-16</i>	<i>Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7</i>
<i>Psalm 137</i>	<i>Psalm 66</i>
<i>II Timothy 1:1-14</i>	<i>II Timothy 2:8-15</i>
<i>Luke 17:5-10</i>	<i>Luke 17:11-19</i>

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

GATHERING

MUSICAL PRELUDE

***CHORAL OPENING –**

“Come Touch Our Hearts” – MV #12 (Verse 5)

***Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind our strength, our all,
come touch us with your grace.***

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (responsively)

...We’re called to bring light into all the shadowed places of living.

**We light the Christ Candle,
remembering—that Jesus is the light of the world.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

We gather together as those with little faith and those with much;
but we all gather to have our faith increased.

We gather together as those who serve and those who are served;
but none of us deserve special praise.

We’re all, after all, God’s beloved.

Let’s serve the Creator of love.

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN –**

“Worship the Lord” – VU #401 (Verses 1, 3 & 4)

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

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.***

SHARING A STORY (with children of all ages)

***SINGING A SONG – “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands” – VU #570**

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 17:5-10
2 Timothy 1:1-14

Wayne Lord

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SOLO – “The Perfect Wisdom of Our God”

(Gifted by Emma Vickers)

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED

(in support of the ministry and mission of the church)

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

*We bring our gifts to share,
and lift our grateful prayer
That with our faithful care,
our world will grow.
Through work of minds and hands
in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.*

***OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

Holy One, so full of surprises!
A simple loaf of bread
becomes food for a hungry world.
A chalice of unfermented wine
becomes hope for the young and not so young.
Today, we join hands with siblings
in Christ all around the world.
Today, we share our offerings,
knowing that they, like the loaf and cup,
will help bring new life to this community of faith
and to the world.
Receive them, Holy One, with delight.
Amen.

COMMUNING

***COMMUNION HYMN –**

“When We Gather at the Table” – MV #198

When we gather at the table
wine is poured and bread is broken.
Then love claims us, offering healing,
we hear welcome, gently spoken.

Jesus offers our thanksgiving
blessing God for life we're given.
From the earth comes grain to feed us
watered by the rains of heaven.

Word of promise claims attention
earth renewed by God's designing.
All the creatures join in praises –
God's intended wholeness finding.

Come, invited, now draw nearer,
join this holy celebration.
Here be strengthened, called to justice,
living now God's new creation.

Christ, your coming and your hosting
gives us place at widening table
now embracing world and neighbour
Spirit strong, by love enabled.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

INSTRUCTIONS

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (responsively)

God is with us!

We are not alone.

Christ is present here.

The Spirit is among us.

Let us give thanks to God.

in memory and in hope.

...In companionship with all creatures,
we are one in gratitude for the gift and mystery of life,
and one in longing for a world reborn.

Creator and Friend,

we praise you for your presence in and with Creation,
ever drawing it towards healing and wholeness.

In our joy, you're the overflowing cup;

in our need, you're the bread by which we journey on.

With all who abide in your presence and care,

we lift our voices to sing:

"Holy, Holy, Holy" – MV #203 (sung in unison)

***O holy, holy, holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heaven,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!***

...Holy One, by this bread and cup, we remember Christ, and share in the mystery of your being, your bliss, and your purpose...

"Great Amen" – MV #205 (sung in unison)

***Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen!***

Friends, we remember Jesus:

On Good Friday he died. On Easter he rose again. Today—he lives forever.

...We pray as well for the church and its varied ministries...
for the nations as they strive for peace and justice...
for the earth, and the fragile web of life we share...
for our families and our friends...

SOLO – "The Lord's Prayer" (*Gifted by Emma Vickers*)

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Jesus Christ, the True Vine.

Congregational Response – "Amen" or "Thanks be to God"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

**Holy One,
may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life.
May we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others.
May we, who the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm, Holy One, in the hope you've set before us,
that we shall be free to do what's right
and all of creation will benefit from it.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as God's people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – "The Servant Song" – VU #595

***BLESSING** (responsively)

...like a mustard seed that knows, though small, that small is enough.

Amen.

***CHORAL CLOSING** – "Take Up His Song" – MV #213

***Take up his song of peace and go into the world.
Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in peace, lay them down,
and take up his song.***

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*The cup of blessing that we bless,
is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?
The bread that we break,
is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?
1 Corinthians 10:16*

Church News

This Week at First United –Oct. 7 – Oct 12

Monday	6:15	Beaver Scouts Rms 1,2 &3
Tuesday	1:30	UCW Eddy Rm
	6:30	Cub Scouts - DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9 – 11:30	TAB
	9-11am	Badminton
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	1:30	Pastoral Care Team -RMR

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory of John M. Daley
by Helen and family.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**
Total Collected **679**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 18-19 jars of peanut butter per week. The Volunteer Center supplies, on average, 500 households monthly.



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.



Thanksgiving Oct. 13, 2019

Anyone wishing to contribute items to decorate the church are encouraged to bring them in by 4pm Wednesday Oct. 9th

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.

Broadview (Observer)

Would you like to receive Broadview, a United Church of Canada publication? For a new subscription, please contact the church office at 546-3532 before Monday, Oct 7, 2019. The annual subscription rate is \$25 (Tax included) Renewals are also payable at the office.

The Hospitality and Friendship Committee is looking for a chairperson and also people to help with coffee time after Sunday's services. If you are able to help in either of these positions please contact Rick Watling at 548-9361

Elections Canada will be holding advanced polls in the Donald Eddy Memorial Hall on Oct. 11,12,13 &14. The Hall is also being used as a polling station on Oct. 21, 2019.

Fall Newsletters are in the Narthex this morning. Please insure you pick up yours. To help with postage costs, if there are some there that you are able to deliver the Communications team would appreciate it. Special envelopes for Thanksgiving contributions can be found in the Narthex.

The **Communications Sub Team** are looking for volunteers to discuss and manage all matters pertaining to church communications as well as people to help with the preparation and folding of newsletters. If you are able to give some of your time (3 newsletters/year), please contact Stacey Stothart Kenny at 545-8094 or email at kentruckca@yahoo.ca.

Thank You: The Ways and Means team would like to express a sincere thank you to all who helped in anyway with our Beef BBQ. The meat, cooked by Ray Lavigne was delicious and the selection of desserts supplied were absolutely fantastic. Because of the generous sponsorship of the Hatheway Group, the Ways and Means team were able to realize a profit of approximately \$ 4500.00. The next Ways and Means team event will be the Turkey Supper on November 28.

My favorite color is October.

~Author unknown~

Community Events

"Help Lesotho" Calendars The Anglophone School District – North has been sponsoring "Help Lesotho" since 2006 as part of its global awareness initiative. As a fund raiser where all of the money raised goes to help finance its work with orphans, vulnerable children, and grandmothers in Lesotho, Africa; "Help Lesotho" has 2020 calendars for sale at a cost of fifteen dollars. You are invited to support this initiative with your donation. Gary Branch (546-9208) (egbranch@rogers.com) will be taking orders for these calendars until October 15, 2019. Payment can be made in advance by cash or cheque or when the calendars are delivered. Cheques are to be made payable to "Help Lesotho".

The Saint George's Guild Coffee Party and Bazaar

Saturday, Oct. 19th from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Saint George's Church Hall
Home baking, jams, jellies, pickles, handcrafts, etc. will be on sale
Tickets are \$ 10.00 available from Guild Members, Church Office (546-3225) or at the door

Family & Community Breakfast

Saturday, October 12, 2019 8:00 – 10:00 am
Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

RSVP Ministries invites you to our "Be Ready" Luncheon at House of Lee – Grand Buffet, 315 Main Street, Bathurst on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, cost \$18.50, from 11:15am - 1:00pm, doors open at 11:00am. Ian Hatheway, representing the "Hatheway Auto Group" will discuss "Getting your vehicle ready for winter", John Boulay with Karen and Hazen McCrae, will "Jazz it up", and Cecille Ruddock, retired community college instructor from Saint Stephen, NB will speak to us on "Does Your Anchor Hold?".

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.

Change for Change Team Esperanza, a local mission team, supports Servant's Heart Ministries (SHM), a registered Canadian charity, that extends outreach to the poor of the Dominican Republic & Haiti. An upcoming project "Change for Change" involves participants saving change in baby bottle banks from October 20th to Nov 9th with all proceeds designated in support of their Pregnancy Education Center. Donors of \$10 or more may receive a receipt. *Your support will provide the necessary education & resources to save lives! For more information or to request a bank, please contact **Marie Oliver @ 548-3493** or **Helen Knowles @ 546-9563**. Gracias!*

Games Night at Central United Church Hall in Clifton at 7pm Oct.11. Board game , 45's , 5Crowns .Skipko, Crib. Refreshments Free will at the door ..Fun night

*Happiness comes
not when everything is good
but when you can see
the good in everything.*

I want to be like
a Sunflower, so that even
on the darkest days I will
stand tall and find the
sunlight.



Luke 17:5-10 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a ^[a] mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?

⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?

⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

[Based on] 2 Timothy 1:1-14

The cell was dark and cold. Paul sat in the corner with a small oil lamp and a bit of papyrus. It was not easy to get parchment to write on, so he had spent the better part of the day thinking carefully about the letter he was going to write to Timothy. Paul had been ill for some time now, and every day he grew more tired and weak. Serving Christ was a joy for Paul, but it was not easy to be a follower, and now he was paying the price – locked inside a cell, lonely and sick. Paul didn't know how much longer he could live this way.

The last time he tried to get word to Timothy, he had asked him to come and visit him. He had so much wanted to tell him, teach him, and writing was getting more and more difficult. He also wanted to hug Timothy, to see his strong and happy face one last time.

But there had been no word from him, and now Paul knew that with his time running short, he needed to write him one last inspired letter. After much praying and thinking, he was ready to

begin. Paul coughed, massaged his cold, stiff hands above the oil lamp, dipped his sharpened reed into the black ink, and began:

I, Paul, a teacher for Christ by the will of God, write to my beloved Timothy. I wish you grace, mercy, and peace.

Every night, just before I go to sleep, I pray. As I pray, I think of you and how grateful I am for you. I think of your sincere faith, a faith that has been passed down from your grandmother Lois, to your mother Eunice, and now lives in you. I long to see you to explain this in person, but for now this letter will have to serve.

Remember that feeling when we prayed together, and I laid my hand on your shoulder? That feeling of deep faith and wonder? I want you to remember it always and continue to rekindle that feeling. God didn't give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and love and self-discipline. Don't be ashamed of these feelings, or the fact that I, who share them, am in prison. We have both been called by the grace of God to spread the word of Jesus the Christ.

Yes, it is because I answered this call that I am now in prison and suffer as I do, but I am not ashamed. I put my trust in God, serve the best I can, and teach all who are willing to hear. I have taught YOU, Timothy. I have given you all the teachings that have been entrusted to me by God, and now they are yours as well. Hold to them and share them in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Guard this treasure well, Timothy, and through the Holy Spirit, share it with all who are ready to accept the gift.

Paul straightened up as a teardrop fell and blurred a bit of his last sentence. He had so much more to say, but it would have to wait. It was late, and Paul was tired. He turned down the wick of the lamp and closed his eyes, praying to God and remembering his dear young friend Timothy warmly.

Happiness comes not when
everything is good but when
you can see the good
in everything.

