

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst

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Lectionary for Today	Lectionary for next Sunday
Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Genesis 18L:1-15, 21:1-7
Psalms 8	Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19
2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 28:16-20	Matthew 9:35-10:23

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (responsively)

Our Christian tradition teaches us
that there's mystery and wonder in our relationship with God;
a mystery and wonder that opens in our worship
and in our active discipleship.

**Equally, the mystery is expressed
as we relate to God as Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.**

Mystery, yes, at the same time revelation;
one God whose fullness is lived in relationship.

**We light this Christ candle naming Jesus as a life-giving,
gracious presence within our relationship
with the Creator and the Spirit.**

(The Christ Candle is lit.)

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP - "Gather Us In" – MV #7

***Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.***

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Living God, we're amazed by the beautiful world we call home.

**Christ our friend,
we thank you for the compassion
you've modelled for all living creatures,
human and non-human.**

Holy Spirit of breath and presence,
we're sustained by your movement in our lives

and your radiating presence throughout the world.

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN – "All Things Bright and Beautiful" – VU #291

*Refrain
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings.

The purple headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky;
Refrain

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.

The rocky mountain splendour, the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall;

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker, who has made all things well.

Refrain

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

CHORAL RESPONSE – “Jesus, You Fill Our Hearts” – MV #101

*Jesus, you fill our hearts with your love,
our minds with your peace,
and our lives with your joy.*

GREETING ONE ANOTHER (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY (with children of all ages)

SINGING A SONG – “I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy”

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
down in my heart,
down in my heart, down in my heart.
I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
down in my heart,
down in my heart to stay.

I’ve got the peace that passeth understanding,
down in my heart,
down in my heart, down in my heart.
I’ve got the peace that passeth understanding,
down in my heart,
down in my heart to stay.

I’ve got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
down in my heart,
down in my heart, down in my heart.
I’ve got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
down in my heart,
down in my heart to stay.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “I Have Called You by Your Name” *Emma Vickers*

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jini Palmer

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy One,

we are blessed with the Trinity.

We ask that the gifts we offer today be blessed as well.

Use them, we pray, to share your love.

Amen

SHARING OUR CONCERNS – “Jesus, Remember Me” – VU #148

Jesus, remember me

when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me

when you come into your kingdom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER – VU #921 (Ecumenical Version) (in unison)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN – “Go to the World” – VU #420

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

BLESSING

CHORAL SENDING FORTH – “When You Go From This Place”

***When you go from this place be true.
May blessing of life find you.
May the winds of the Spirit guide you,
'cross the ocean of all your days.
May the seeds of your love your life adorn the Way.
Adorn the Way.
Adorn the Way.
Adorn the Way.***

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

Church News

This Week at First United – June 8- June 13

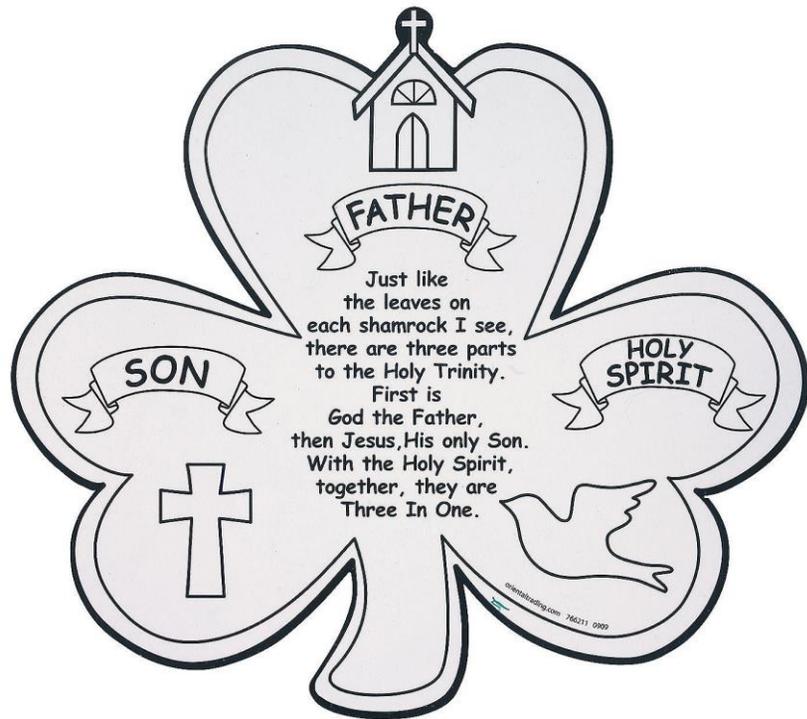
Wednesday	7pm	Covid Response Team - RMR
Thursday	7pm	Christian Development - Zoom
Friday	Office Closed	Summer Hours

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory of Karla Young White
by her parents Edith & Norman Young & Family.
Daughter, Janna White & her husband, Mitch Logan.

The Canadian flag currently being flown has been donated
***in loving memory of
Clinton CL Gammon, a D-Day Veteran,***
by Bev & Brian Murphy.

Summer Hours: Starting June 1 until the end of August the church office hours will be Monday - Thursday, 8-4. Closed 12-1.

*God gave burdens,
also shoulders.
~Yiddish Proverb~*



Genesis 1:1-2:4 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

1 In the beginning when God created^[a] the heavens and the earth,
2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^[b] swept over the face of the waters.
3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. 8 God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16 God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." 21 So God created the great sea monsters and every living

creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind^[c] in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,^[d] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

27 So God created humankind^[e] in his image, in the image of God he created them;^[f] male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." 29 God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 2 And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Another Account of the Creation

In the day that the LORD^[g] God made the earth and the heavens,

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Final Greetings and Benediction

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters,^[a] farewell.^[b] Put things in order, listen to my appeal,^[c] agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of^[d] the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew 28:16-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Commissioning of the Disciples

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."