

*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>
Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7	Genesis 21:8-21
Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19	Psalms 86:1-17
Romans 5:1-8	Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 9:35-10:23	Matthew 10:24-39

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (responsively)

(The Christ Candle is lit.)

This candle dances with the presence of the Spirit,

**reminding us of the warmth of the community
in which we're called to gather**

and the light that shines for us

with wisdom, insight, and clarity.

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)

From the north and from the south, from the east and from the west,
from Bathurst and all the neighbouring communities around us,

we are called to worship and to serve.

Out of poverty and wealth, out of health and disease,
out of whatever circumstance in which we live,

we are called to worship and to serve.

Out of a spirit of jubilation and despair,
out of times of hope and uncertainty,
out of whatever state our heart is in,

we are called to worship and to serve.

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN – "Come, Let Us Sing"

VU # 222

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray, and
walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.

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 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 READING

Matthew 9:35—10:23

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “How Great Thou Art”

Emma Vickers

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jini Palmer

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy One,

**we’re never really sure where giving ends
and receiving begins.**

Or—is it where receiving ends and giving begins?

All we know is that

in the process of giving and receiving,

we’re warmed by your goodness and love.

May this offering be only the beginning

of your good work through us.

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 (responsively)

We pray that people will hear the call,

R. and work with the Spirit.

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

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.

GOING OUT (as God’s people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” #333 VU
(tune Blauenwern VU 389)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never-more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

BLESSING

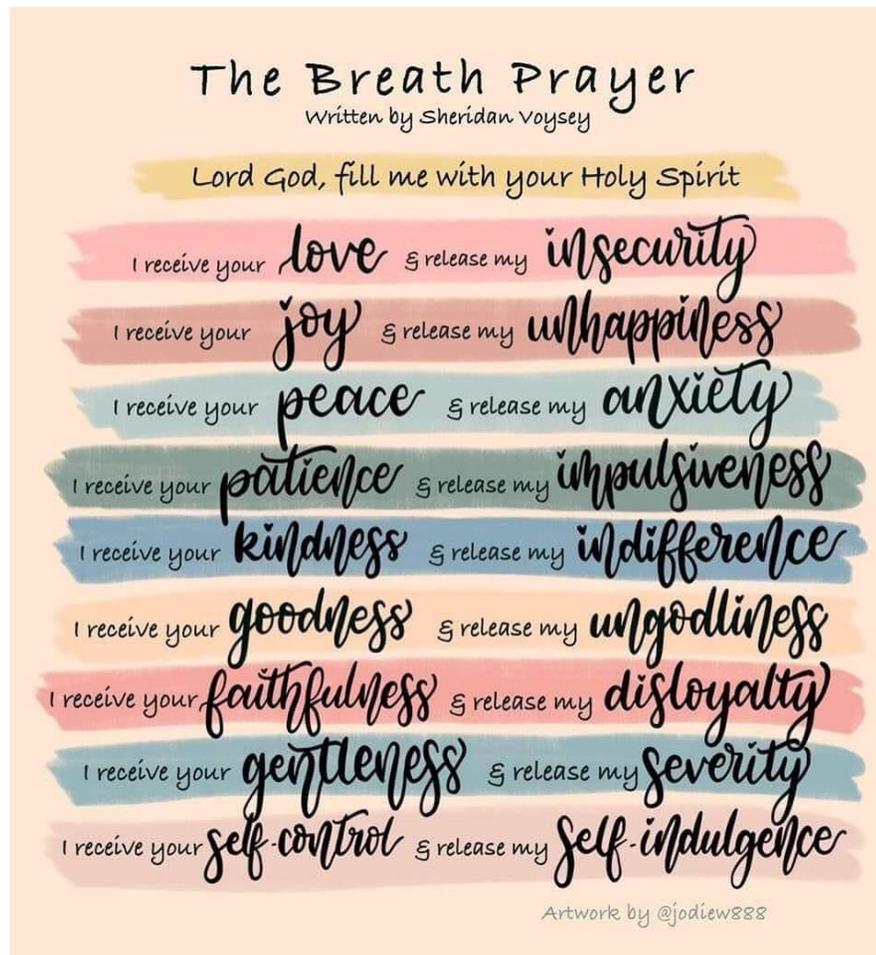
CHORAL SENDING FORTH – “When You Go From This Place”

***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

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



The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

The Twelve Apostles

10 Then Jesus^[a] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;^[b] ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'^[c] ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers,^[d] cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

Coming Persecutions

¹⁶ "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.