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Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for Today</u> Genesis 28:10-9a Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u> Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
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GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP - "There Is Room for All" – MV #62

*There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing,
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN – "For the Beauty of the Earth" VU #226 VU
(Tune Dix)

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light,
God of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
God of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift sublime,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
God of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

CHORAL RESPONSE – "Listen, God Is Calling" – MV #97

*Listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness,
comfort and 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)

Matthew 13:24-26

SINGING A SONG – “Jesus Loves Me” – VU #365

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee,
Saying, “Let them come to me.”
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-19a

Bev Murphy

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC - “How Long Has it Been” John & Isabel Clouston

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**Life-giving Spirit,
bring to the bones of these gifts
the flesh of our actions,
and the breath of our caring,
that our church and our service to others
may truly come to life
by simply following the example given.
Amen**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS – “I Am the Dream” – MV #106 (Vs 1)

***I am the dream and you the dreamer.
I am the song and you are the rhyme.
You are the tune sung in every silence.
You are the now in the endless stream of time.***

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.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN – “In Christ There IS No East or West” VU # 606
(Tune St. Peter)

In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north;
But one great family of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding human-kind.

Join hands, then people of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
In him meet south and north;
All Christ like souls are one in him,
Throughout the whole wide earth.

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

The bulletin today is dedicated
in loving memory of Irvin Wiseman
by John and Isabel.

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

Trinity Cemetery: For your convenience, there has been a hand pump installed on the well at Trinity Cemetery. You will find this located close to the utility shed.



Matthew 13:24-26 NRSV

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

²⁴ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;

²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

Genesis 28:10-19 NRSV

Jacob's Dream at Bethel

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran.

¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder^[a] set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

¹³ And the LORD stood beside him^[b] and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring;

¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed^[c] in you and in your offspring.

¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!"

¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

¹⁹ He called that place Bethel;^[d] but the name of the city was Luz at the first.