

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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We express our appreciation to: Rev. Austin Jagoe, Donald Eddy, Bev Murphy, for being involved in the production of our service today.

<u>Lectionary for Today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Exodus 1:8-2:10	Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 124	Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45b
Romans 12:1-8	Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:13-20	Matthew 16:21-28

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP – Come and Find the Quiet Centre”
VU #374 (Verse 1)

**Come and find the quiet centre,
In the crowded life we lead.
Find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed.
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter,
Be at peace, and simply be.**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING HYMN “VU 371 Open my eyes”

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

OPENING PRAYER

GREETING ONE ANOTHER (responsively)

SHARING A STORY Patty Puppet

SINGING A SONG – “ VU 585 Jesus bids us shine”

Jesus bids us shine
With a pure, clear light,
Like a little candle
Burning in the night.
In this world of darkness
So let us shine
You in your small corner,
And I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine,
First of all for Him;
Well He sees and knows it,
If our light grows dim.
He looks down from Heaven
To see us shine
You in your small corner,
And I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine,
Then, for all around;
Many kinds of darkness
In the world are found
Sin and want and sorrow;
So we must shine
You in your small corner,
And I in mine.

ENGAGING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MEDITATION

GIFT OF MUSIC

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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)

Bev Murphy

CLOSING HYMN " VU 651 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

BLESSING

CHORAL SENDING

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.) -

Church News

Announcements:

- Rev. Austin Jagoe will be replacing for the service on August 30th. Helen Knowles will be replacing on September 6th.
- A friendly reminder that on Tuesday, August 25th the office will be closed for the day on that day only.
- In case of an emergency contact Rev. Sue White at (546-4817)

Peanut Butter Update: To date, 265 jars have been collected and \$760.00 towards the purchase of Peanut Butter has been given to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. Peanut butter can be dropped off at the church office anytime during business hours; cheques can be delivered or mailed to the Bathurst Volunteer Center at 464 King Ave. Bathurst NB E2A 1P5. Please indicate on your cheque that it is for the purchase of Peanut Butter for the First United contribution.

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.

Psalm 135:16

¹⁶They have mouths, but they do not speak;
they have eyes, but they do not **see**;

Isaiah 44:15

Then it can be used as fuel. Part of it he takes and warms himself; he kindles a fire and bakes bread. Then he makes a god and worships it, makes it a carved image and bows down before it.

Proverbs 29:18

¹⁸Where there is no prophecy, the people cast off restraint,
but happy are those who keep the law.

Matthew 16:13-20

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.