

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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September 6th, 2020

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Custodian

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We express our appreciation to: Helen Knowles, Donald Eddy, Bev Murphy, Emma Vickers and Kurt Hadley for being involved in the production of our service today.

<u>Lectionary for Today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Exodus 12:1-14	Exodus 14:19-31
Psalms 149	Psalms 114
Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE & CALL TO WORSHIP

- One:** The Christ Candle symbolizes the presence of Christ, the Light of the world.
- All:** Alive, in our midst, this day and every day.
- One:** We have gathered to worship,
- All:** To learn, to understand & celebrate.
- One:** With the simplest of gifts, we are assured of God's abundance and, in our need, we are assured of God's love.
- All:** Let us worship our loving & generous God.

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN "God, We Praise You for the Morning" – VU #415

God, we praise you for the morning,
Hope springs forth with each new day,
New beginning, prayer and promise,
Joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation,
Mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy
And healing in your bountiful hand.

God, we praise you for compassion,
All the loving that you show;
Human touching tears, and laughter,
Help your children to grow.

God, we praise you for your spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
Restless searcher, gentle teacher,
Strength and courage you send.

God, we praise you for the savior,
Come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our days.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Christ is Lord of our days!

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (responsively)

One: God, you know that we love you and we know what you ask us to do.

All: But there are times when we have been too busy, when we have been judgmental and when we have been lukewarm.

One: God, you know our good intentions and we know your will.

All: Yet, sometimes we have lived within our limits & mistrusted your vision.

One: We bring before you those elements in our lives in need of your transforming love

All: that which we abuse or neglect and that which we most reluctantly let go of.

One: God, of the turning tide, change us.

All: So that the energy of your love flows into bold and joyful action. Amen

GREETING ONE ANOTHER (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY (with children of all ages) "According to Dr Seuss"

SINGING A SONG – "The Church Is Wherever God's People" – VU # 579

The church is wherever God's people are
Praising, singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.

The church is wherever God's people are helping,
Caring for neighbors in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
The words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

ENGAGING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4: 18-22

Bev Murphy

REFLECTION "From the Ordinary to the Extraordinary"

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC " As Long As I Have Music"

Emma Vickers & Kurt Hadley

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN - "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" VU #563

Refrain

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
And while smiling, have spoken my name,
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,
By your side I will seek other seas.**

Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones,
You only asked me to follow humbly.

You know so well my possessions,
My boat carries no gold and no weapons
You will find there my nets and labour.

You need my hands, full of caring
Through my labours to give others rest,
And constant love that keeps on loving.

You, who have fished other oceans,
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
My loving friend, as thus you call me.

BLESSING

CHORAL SENDING FORTH

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Peanut Butter Update To date, 296 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.

Regular hours: Church hours are back to it's regular hours from Monday to Friday 8am-4pm and closed from 12-1pm.

Emergency: In case of an emergency contact Rev. Sue White at (546-4817) until September 7th.

Announcement: Rev. Neal will be back from his vacation on September 8th.

It is with great sadness the passing of Bernie Allain on August 31st,2020. He was the brother-in-law of Shirley Allain. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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.

Community announcements:

"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 2021 calendars for sale at a cost of \$15.00. 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 13, 2020. Payment can be made in advance by cash or cheque or when the calendars are delivered in November. Cheques are to be made payable to "Help Lesotho".

Matthew 4:18-22

Jesus Chooses His First Disciples

¹⁸One day Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee. There he saw two brothers, Simon Peter and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the lake, because they were fishermen. ¹⁹Come and follow me," Jesus said. "I will send you out to fish for people."
²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers. They were James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee. As they were preparing their nets, Jesus called out to them. ²²Right away they left the boat and their father and followed Jesus.