

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for Today</u> Genesis 3:14-19; 4:8-16 Psalm 139:7-12 Romans 5:12-17 Matthew 18:21-35	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u> Joel 1:8-10, 17-20 Psalm 18:6-19 Romans 8:18-27 Matthew 20:1-16
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GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP - "Praise to the Lord" - VU #835
(Vs. 1)

*Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.
Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun—may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN – "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet"
– VU #245

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a week-day morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment, nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

CHORAL RESPONSE – "And When You Call for Me" – MV #96

And when you call for me,

I have already answered.

And when you call for me,

I am already there.

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 18:21-22

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 neighbours 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 FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Bev Murphy

Genesis 3:14-19; 4:8-16

Psalms 139:7-12

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy One,

we are but sojourners living here on Earth for a while.

**May the gifts of our hands, hearts, and tears contribute to the
flourishing of Creation and your larger vision for life and
wholeness, for this generation and all those to come.**

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 (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 – “Would You Bless Our Homes and Families” – VU
#556

Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

When our way is undemanding,
let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures,
sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another
and in you, our gracious God.

From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.

Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.

BLESSING

CHORAL SENDING FORTH – “May God's Sheltering Wings” – MV
#214

***May God's sheltering wings,
his gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
his cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in his love,
and hold you in his love.***

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

Church News

*In loving memory of
James Knowles*

By Joyce & Bill McLeod and Family

Peanut Butter Update To date, 299 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.

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".

"The Anglican Parish of New Bandon is again making apple pies and apple crisps for sale on October 3, 2020. Pies are 9" in diameter, and crisps are 8" x 8", at a cost of \$8 each. Orders must be received in advance by Wednesday, September 30, 2020. To order, please call Mitzi Whelton at 545-0298 or by email at Mitzi.whelton@gmail.com OR Nancy Hodnett at 545-5263 or by email at jnjb@nbnet.nb.ca. Pick up will be on October 3 from noon until 2 pm at Christ Church Hall."

Genesis 3:14-19

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

“I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷ And to the man^[a] he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

Psalms 139:7-12

⁷ How can I get away from your Spirit?

Where can I go to escape from you?

⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there.

If I lie down in the deepest parts of the earth, you are also there.

⁹ Suppose I were to rise with the sun in the east.

Suppose I travel to the west where it sinks into the ocean.

¹⁰ Your hand would always be there to guide me.

Your right hand would still be holding me close.

¹¹ Suppose I were to say, “I’m sure the darkness will hide me.

The light around me will become as dark as night.”

¹² Even that darkness would not be dark to you.

The night would shine like the day,
because darkness is like light to you.