

*The United Church of Canada  
Bathurst Pastoral Charge*

First United Church, Bathurst - South Tetagouche United Church  
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July 25, 2010

**Elm Tree Camp Reunion Sunday**

<b>Clergy</b>	Rev. Blair Lewis	<b>Organists</b>	Martha Vickers
<b>Office Adm.</b>	Isabel Clouston		Joseph MacDonald
<b>Custodian</b>	Alan Wilcox	<b>Greeters</b>	Chesley Eddy Peter Gammon

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*We would like to thank Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley for leading the worship service this morning and George Robertson for leading the music.*

*“Earth, Air, Fire, Water: Camping Sunday Service April 24, 2005,” by Karen Bridges and Shauna Gibbons of Alberta Northwest Conference.*

*The asterisk \* identifies those times in the service where the congregation is invited to stand as able.*

**WE GATHER**

**Gathering:**

**\*Hymn:** ‘Day is Dying in the West’      **SoG #171**  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts!  
Heav’n and earth are full of Thee!  
Heav’n and earth are praising Thee,  
O Lord most high!

Lord of life, beneath the dome  
Of the universe, thy home  
Gather us who seek thy face  
To the fold of thy embrace  
For thou art nigh.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts!  
Heav’n and earth are full of Thee!  
Heav’n and earth are praising Thee,  
O Lord most high!

**Element of Air:**

**Salutation to the Dawn:**

*led by Sally Armstrong  
(from the Sanskrit)*

**Listen to the salutation of the Dawn. Look to this day, for it is life. The very life of life. Within its brief span lie all the verities and realities of your existence. The bliss of growth, the glory of action, the splendour of beauty. For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is but a vision. But today, well-lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day.**

**Call to Worship:**

One: We gather 'round this day in community and faith.

**All: We come as our ancestors, Joshua, Moses, and Ruth, to gather to tell of God's abundant love.**

One: We gather 'round to hear of God's love for all of creation.

**All: We come as our ancestors, St. Frances of Assisi and Julian of Norwich, knowing we are part of creation.**

One: We gather 'round in memory of the wilderness to wait for God's call to us.

**All: We come as our ancestors, Paul, Peter, Martha, and Mary, waiting for God's call to us today.**

One: We gather 'round this day to remember and celebrate our church, and the places in which we can experience firsthand God's call to the wilderness.

**All: We come as our ancestors Miriam and Aaron singing our abundant joy for the beauty of this land, and our United Church camps that connect us with all those who have come before us.**

**Prayer of Approach:** (in unison)

**Creator God, we hear your wilderness cry from the depth of our souls and long to answer. We seek you out in the silence and beauty of nature, in the sound of the birds, the rustling trees, the lapping water, and the crunching of branches. Our eyes and ears are opened to your presence in the newness of day, the brisk air, and the colours of the sunrise. Be with us in this time of storytelling and memories, guiding us along the forest's edge into oneness with you. May we follow faithfully the footsteps of Jesus in this and all the paths of our lives. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: 'Morning Has Broken' #409 VU**

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

**THE WORD**

**Element of Earth:**

**Hymn: 'God, who touchest earth with beauty' SoG #164**

- 1 God, who touchest earth with beauty,  
make my heart anew;  
with thy Spirit recreate me,  
pure and strong and true.
- 2 Like thy springs and running waters,  
make me crystal pure;  
like thy rocks of towering grandeur,  
make me strong and sure.
- 3 Like thy dancing waves in sunlight,  
make me glad and free;  
like the straightness of the pine trees  
let me upright be.
- 4 Like the arching of the heavens  
lift my thoughts above,  
turn my dreams to noble action:  
ministries of love.

- 5 God, who touchest earth with beauty,  
make my heart anew;  
keep me ever by the Spirit,  
pure and strong and true.

**Litany:**

- One: Sandcastles, blooming flowers, roads for travel  
**All: GOD'S GOOD EARTH IS BOUNTIFUL!**  
One: Playgrounds, grain in the field, hiking trails  
**All: GOD'S GOOD EARTH IS BOUNTIFUL!**  
One: Mud pies, grassy meadows, hillside chats  
**All: GOD'S GOOD EARTH IS BOUNTIFUL!**  
One: Thanks be to God!

**Children 's Time:**

**\*Hymn: 'Walk with Me' #649 VU**

*Refrain:* Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.

- 1 When Moses heard the call of God  
he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'  
But God told Moses, 'You're the one  
to set my people free.' **R**
- 2 Now Peter was a most unlikely  
man to lead the flock;  
but Jesus knew his holiness  
and he became the Rock. **R**
- 3 Young Mary Magdalene was sure  
her life could be much more,  
and by her faith she dared to let  
God's love unlock the door. **R**
- 4 And when you share your faith with me  
and work for life made new,  
the witness of your faithfulness  
calls me to walk with you. **R**

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

### Background Information to the Scripture:

**Scripture:** Have We Lost Our Way?  
(A modern adaptation of Exodus 32:1 - 34)

**Reflection:** Jane Murphy & Sally Armstrong

### Element of Water :

### Rainstorm:

### Passing the Peace:

**\*Hymn:** 'Shall We Gather at the River' #710 VU

1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod;  
with its crystal tide for ever  
flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain:* Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

2 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. **R**

3 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. **R**

### Element of Fire:

**Hymn:** 'Fire's Burning'  
Fire's burning, fire's burning. Draw nearer, draw nearer,  
In the glowing, in the glowing come sing and be merry.

### Prayers of the People:

**Response:** 'This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine'  
This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**Prayer of Jesus:** (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**  
**For ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

### Offering Invitation:

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**\*Offertory:** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow #541 VU  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

### \*Prayer after the Offering:

## Church News

### This Week at First United – July 26-July 31

#### Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2010	<b>900</b>
Total to Date	<b>603</b>

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 14-15 jars of peanut butter per week.

The Upper Room for July and August are in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one.

#### Employment Opportunity

There are two employee replacement vacancies available for each of the positions of Custodian and Office Administrator. One week training with pay is available for each position. Interested persons should contact George Robertson, Chair of Ministry and Personnel at 546 - 6180 or email at grober@rogers.com for further information."

**\*Hymn:** ' Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet' #245 VU

- 1 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.
- 2 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 weekday 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!

#### **\*Blessing & Benediction:**

**One:** As we leave this place of worship, may our spirit be renewed as we breathe the fresh air, as we walk across this earth hand in hand, as the cool water nourishes us, and as we feel the warmth of God's love.

**All:** **Let us go out into the world and share the gift and ministry of camp with others, knowing that we are not alone!**

**Postlude:**



## Upcoming Community Events

**Vacation Bible School:** St. Luke's Presbyterian Church from July 26-July 30 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The Theme for this years VBS is "High Seas Expedition". We invite all children ages 5 - 12 to set sail with us as we embark on a high seas adventure exploring God's Word. Children will experience God's love as we enjoy Bible adventure, games, snacks, movies, skits and music. There is no cost to this and all children are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Pastor Glen Sampson or Jon Sampson (Children's Ministry) at 546-4645 or 549-1189.

**Bathurst Christian Women's Club** invites you to join us at Danny's Inn and Conference Center, Wednesday, **July 28 at 11:15am** for our "Garden Party" Luncheon, **\$14.00**. Fun in the sun with Pianist, Hwang Lee, a Mount A student. Don your sun hats, enjoy the punch, after the music, it's indoors for lunch. Mary Coats of Shediac, guest speaker, will deliver her message, "Gifts." Call Wanetta at 548-5083 or Edith at 548-3924 for necessary reservations.

The **exquisite art works of Cynthia DeCoste** will again be on exhibit in Gallery 360 in the Nepisiquit Centennial Museum/Cultural Center during August to September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The Center is open 7 days a week and by appointment. Call 546-9449.

**A short walk through the Sacred Heart Cemetery** guided and explained by Florence Gray-Godin of the Genealogy Dept. at the Museum will take place at 7pm on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, 2010. Should be a great experience. Form info – call 546-9449.

### **A Counsellor's Prayer**

Put me in touch with the heart of the child.  
Let me study his doubts and fears:  
Let me try to show him the way of life  
And help him avoid its tears:

For the heart of a child in its buoyancy  
Is one that is pure and free.  
So put me in touch with the heart of a child  
Of the Person – that-is-to-be!

### **Camp Friends**

When you dream of camp in years to be,  
Above all else you'll prize  
Those friendships formed in camping days,  
Beneath the open skies.

For comrades of the water ways,  
Of trail and glowing fire,  
Relive glad days, retell old tales  
Of which they never tire.

You have shared so much in sun and rain –  
Foolish things and wise,  
And 'neath the candid gaze of stars  
Have worn no cheap disguise.

You have known the peace of silent hills,  
Have learned what e'er betide  
Through paths of life, turn east or west  
Camp friends can ne'er divide.