

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
 First United Church, Bathurst - South Tetagouche United Church  
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**July 4, 2010**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

<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>	Ossie & Heather Gildart

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>2 Kings 5:1-14</i> <i>Psalm 66</i> <i>Galatians 6,7-61</i> <i>Luke 10:1-11,16-20</i>	<i>Amos 7:7-14</i> <i>Psalm 82</i> <i>Colossians 1:1-14</i> <i>Luke 10:25-37</i>

### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

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

**Organ Prelude:**

**\*Choral Opening: 'Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness' #375 VU**  
*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness*  
*Blow thro' the wilderness*  
*Calling and free*  
*Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,*  
*Stir me from placidness,*  
*Wind, Wind on the sea.*

**Welcoming:**

In the Spirit of Jesus Christ,  
 Who calls us to be the church  
 And to celebrate God's presence,  
 Let us worship.

**Welcoming One Another:**  
**Welcoming Friends Worshipping by Tape:**

**Announcements:**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

One: Greetings to our brothers and sisters in faith.  
**All: We come to celebrate God's presence,**  
 One: and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.  
**All: We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,**  
 One: and the life we are called to live.  
**All: We come as a pilgrim people searching ways to live out our faith.**  
 One: We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey..  
**All: Let us rejoice and open our lives to God!**

**Call to Worship:**

We have gathered to worship God  
**We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community and insight**  
 We have come to open ourselves  
 to the power of God's presence in our midst.  
**We have come to offer up the seasons**  
**And the turnings in our lives,**  
**and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.**

**Prayer of Approach:** (in unison)  
**O God, make the door of this house wide enough**  
**To receive all who need human love and fellowship,**  
**Narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife.**  
**Make its threshold smooth enough**  
**To be no stumbling-block to children,**  
**nor to straying feet., but rugged and**  
**strong enough to turn back evil's power.**  
**God make the door of this house**  
**The gateway to your eternal kingdom. Amen**  
*Bishop Thomas Ken - 1637 - 1711.*

**\*Opening Hymn:**

*"O God of all the Many Lands" #523 VU*  
*(to tune of Forest Green #VU Forest Green)*

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Prayer for Understanding:**

Eternal God,  
In the reading of the scripture,  
may your Word be heard;  
In the meditations of our hearts,  
may your Word be known;  
and in the faithfulness of our lives,  
may your Word be shown. Amen

**Scripture Readings:**

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 66 Part 2 and Part 3,

**Page 785 VU**

**Hymn:** *"Make me a channel of your peace"* #684 VU

**Message:** "Grace and Peace"

**Anthem:**

**THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS**

**Presentation of Gifts and Self to God:**

**\*Choral Response:**

*'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 of Dedication:** (in unison)

**We bring our gifts to you, God.  
Here is the work of our hands,  
And here is the love of our hearts.  
Accept them and use them,  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
**Have mercy on us**  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.  
**Have mercy on us**  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.  
**Grant us peace.**  
From self-righteousness that will not compromise,  
And from selfishness  
That gains from the manipulation of others,  
**Deliver us, O God.**  
From the lust of money or power that drives to kill,  
**Deliver us, O God.**  
From the arrogance and thoughtlessness  
that abuses your good creation,  
**Deliver us, O God.**  
From trusting in the weapons of war,  
And mistrusting the councils of peace,  
**Deliver us, O God.**  
From hearing, believing and speaking lies about other nations,  
**Deliver us, O God.**  
From suspicions and fears  
That stand in the way of reconciliation,  
**Deliver us, O God.**  
From words and deeds that encourage discord,  
Perpetuate racist assumptions,  
Sexist stereotypes, and classist attitudes;  
From everything that contributes to oppression.  
**Deliver us, O God. Amen**

**Choral Response:** *'How Deep the Peace'* #95 MV

*How deep the peace, the confidence,  
Of those whose wrongs are forgiven.  
How deep the peace, the confidence  
Of those whose hearts are healed.*

**Words of Assurance:**

No matter where we are, God is there.  
No matter what we have done, God forgives.  
No matter our reluctance to accept God,  
God has accepted us.  
With that assurance, receive forgiveness,  
And live in fullness and in hope.

**Reflective Music and Silent Prayer:**

**Pastoral Prayer:** (in unison)

**Lord of all being and source of every blessing,  
We thank you for all good things:  
For life and love,  
For health and food,  
For work and home,  
For nature's beauty and comfort,  
For human skills and laughter,  
For memory and hope,  
For everything which gives us  
Pleasure, nourishment, and strength  
God of courage and compassion,  
There is no pain that does not echo in your heart.**

**And so we pray:  
For all the grief, the tears shed  
The mourning without dancing,  
The emptiness unfulfilled...;  
For all the bereavement,  
The death of hope,  
The unrealized lives,  
The cries unheard...;  
For all the pain: silenced,  
suffered alone, suppressed..;  
For all the losses, the half good-byes,  
The relationships without resolve,  
The truths left unsaid....;  
Hear these and all our prayers O God,  
In Jesus' name we pray.**

**Lord's Prayer:**

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymn:**

*'God of grace and God of glory'* #686 VU  
(tune #651VU CWM Rhonda)

**\*Commissioning:** (in unison)

**Living God, we put our trust in you –  
Risking disappointment, risking failure,  
Working and waiting expectantly.**

## Church News

### \*Blessing:

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your faces,  
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

### \*Choral Closing

*When you walk from here,  
When you walk from here,  
Walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
And with God's humble care.*

### Organ Postlude:



### This Week at First United – July 5- July 10

Thursday	7:30	Linnea Good Concert

### Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2010 **900**

Total to Date **562**

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

### ELM TREE CAMP REUNION DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION JULY 19<sup>th</sup>

The Elm Tree Camp Reunion registration deadline has been extended to July 19th. The Reunion will take place from July 23-25 and we encourage all people who are interested in attending this fun-filled event to visit the First United Church office, contact Jane Murphy at 548-3723 or visit the website at [www.elmtreecampreunion.com](http://www.elmtreecampreunion.com) to obtain a registration form.

*Not able to attend the entire weekend? No problem!!!* We also have tickets available for the reception on Friday evening, BBQ on Saturday and the "camp breakfast" on Sunday. The reunion will be a great opportunity to see old friends and share memories- also a chance to share this experience with your children and grandchildren! We encourage you to submit your registration or purchase tickets as soon as possible as it will help with planning.

**July Ushers:** We are looking for ushers for the rest of July. If you are able to usher for the month or even for one week, contact Anne Brooks at 548-2156 or give the office a call at 546-3532.

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

## 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.

**Strawberry Social & Bake Sale:** Wednesday July 21, 2010 6pm – 8pm, Christ Church Hall, 6992 Route 11, Clifton  
Come enjoy a delicious Strawberry Shortcake Dessert and coffee or tea for \$5.00

# LINNEA GOOD IN CONCERT !

**Thursday, July 8**

7:30 p.m.

**First United Church, 309 St. Patrick St.,  
Bathurst**

**Contemporary Canadian Christian singer-  
songwriter for audiences of all ages. Enjoy  
gorgeous melodies, powerful piano playing, and  
engaging stories.**

Adults: \$10, Youth and Children: \$6

For tickets call 546-3532 or 546-4817

This event is being jointly sponsored by First United Church,  
Bathurst and Central United Church in Clifton