

*The United Church of Canada  
Bathurst Pastoral Charge*

First United Church, Bathurst - South Tetagouche United Church  
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August 15, 2010  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

"Stewardship Celebration Introduction" – part 1  
Make Some Noise!

<b>Clergy</b>	Rev. Blair Lewis	<b>Organists</b>	Martha Vickers
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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Isaiah 5:1-7</i> <i>Psalms 82</i> <i>Hebrews 11:29-12:2</i> <i>Luke 12:49-56</i>	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i> <i>Psalms 71</i> <i>Hebrews 12:18-29</i> <i>Luke 13:10-17</i>

### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

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

*We welcome Rev. Austin Jagoe who is leading us in worship today.*

#### 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.*

#### Welcome:

#### Announcements:

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: May the flame of this Candle serve to remind us that Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is present in our midst. May the light of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

#### Call to Worship:

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

**All: We will sing the glory of God's name.**  
**We will give God our praise.**

One: Come and listen.

**All: and we will tell you what God has done!**

**Theme Song:** "Come Celebrate" (Tune MV #122)

Come celebrate and make some noise,  
by peace and love we are led;  
Come celebrate and make some noise,  
never be silent instead

#### Refrain:

*Share, now, what is right; seeking Christ's delight;*  
*Burdens are made light when we can all do our part;*  
*Share, now, what is right; what an awesome sight,*  
*To care day and night, willing to give from the heart.*

Come celebrate and make some noise,  
reach out beyond your four walls  
Come celebrate and make some noise,  
happy to act when Christ calls

#### Refrain

**Beginning With Prayer:** (in unison)

**One Holy God, we join in the circle and offer our praise.**  
**We pause in the quiet and open our hearts in prayer.**  
**We fill the air with our songs and proclaim our joy in your gifts.**  
**Hear the words we speak; words of hope and wonder.**  
**Hear the prayers we offer; prayers of thanks and praise.**  
**Hear the songs we sing; songs that speak of the life we have found in Christ. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: 'Jesus Shall Reign' #330 VU

Time with the Children Of All Ages:

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Readings From The Scriptures:

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7  
**\*Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 82 #799 VU  
**New Testament Lesson:** Luke 12:49-56

### Hymn: *'God of the Bible'* 28 MV

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
Hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
You are our center, daylight or darkness,  
Freedom or prison, you are our home.

*Refrain:*

*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful,  
You do not change, Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.*

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
Suffering with us, taking our part,  
Still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit  
Feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

*Refrain:*

Those without status, those who are nothing,  
You have made royal, gifted with rights,  
Chosen as partners, midwives of justice,  
Birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

*Refrain:*

Not by your finger, not by your anger  
Will our world order change in a day,  
But by your people, fearless and faithful,  
Small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

*Refrain:*

Hope we must carry, shining and certain  
Through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
Bonding us gladly one to the other,  
Till our world changes facing the Cross.

*Refrain:*

### Message:

### Anthem:

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

### Sharing Our Gifts:

*Our joy and thanksgiving takes life and form in our service to the world. So let us bring our offerings as a sign of our willingness to serve God and one another in order to be alive to God within our community, and also live God's mission within Canada and around the world.*

### \*Choral Response: (tune #541 VU)

***Praise God, all people of the light  
Praise Christ, who teaches what is right  
Now Spirit-filled, we hear the call  
To share our gifts, our lives, our all***

### \*Prayer Of Thanksgiving For Gifts Given In Love: (in unison)

**Holy God, we offer you our prayers and dreams for a world of your longing. Holy God, we offer you our gifts and talents for a world of your making. Use our voices, our living and our witness so that others may hear the good news that you have given to us to share. Amen.**

### Prayer Time:

#### Time of Confession and Silence:

One: In a world full of noise, teach us, God, to speak words that matter.

**All: Forgive us when we fill the air with empty words.**

One: In a world full of silence, teach us, God, to speak words that build relationships.

**All: Forgive us for the times we do not try to break down walls.**

One: In a world full of pain, teach us, God, words that bring healing.

**All: Forgive us when we don't get it right.**

One: In a world full of laughter, teach us, God, to share joy.

**All: Forgive us when we forget to laugh out loud**

One: In a world filled with pain and sorrow, teach us, God, to share a presence that is nurturing.

**ALL: Forgive us when we are too afraid to share our tears.**

One: God hear our prayers. Speak to our hearts. Teach us to say the right words, even in moments of quiet...

*(Time of Silence)*

We offer to you, God, all of these prayers. In your love, answer.

**All: Amen.**

**Choral Response:** *'Come to My Heart' vs. 1 #661 VU*  
*Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, teach me to walk in your way*  
*Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, come to my heart today*  
*Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring*  
*Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, give me a song to sing.*

**Words of Assurance: Good News!**

God hears our prayers, and offers forgiveness as a blessing.  
With certainty, we can proclaim that we are forgiven, loved,  
and called to share our joy. Thanks be to God!

**Prayers Of the People:**

**Pastoral Prayer:**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

**\*Closing Hymn:** *'O God of Bethel'* #650 VU

**\*As We Go:**

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth

**All: Singing and celebrating, speaking and listening,  
working and praying, we offer our hearts to the One  
who is our life. We go from this time, to share good  
news. We will be a thankful people. We will act in  
response to our faith. We will make a joyful noise to  
God!**

**\*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:**

## On The Giving Side

How wonderful to receive a gift from a friend.  
It always stirs a warm feeling within;  
And as happy as we are with the gift,  
It's the thought behind it that gives us the lift,  
Making us so very keenly aware  
There still are those who truly care.

But a more wonderful thing, I must confide,  
Is when we are on the giving side.  
Nothing compares with what comes our way,  
As we reach out a hand to others each day.  
"Give and it shall be given unto you" ...  
This verse in God's word is surely true.

He blesses us richly as we reach out;  
Teaching us what giving is all about,  
And we find it's not hard at all to believe,  
"It's better to give than it is to receive."  
Lord, as we live each day and in you abide,  
Keep us, I pray, on the giving side.

*"Freely ye have received, freely give"*  
*(Matthew 10:8)*

## Church News

### This Week at First United – Aug. 16 – Aug.22

Monday	7:pm	Men's choir practice – Miscou service

Today's bulletin is *in memory of Denise Clare Gammon* placed by Mary.

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The flowers in the sanctuary today are *in memory of Denise C. Gammon* from her loving husband, Bill, and children.

### Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2010                   **900**

Total to Date   **626**

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

**Vacation:** Rev. Lewis will be on vacation from August 10<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Rev. Austin Jagoe will be our pulpit supply.

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

### Employment Opportunity

There are two employee vacation 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.

## Upcoming Community Events

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

**Bathurst Christian Women's Club** invites you to join us at Danny's Inn and Conference Center, Wednesday, August 25 at 11:30 am for our "Thanks for the Memories" Luncheon, **\$14.00**. Ken Smith, Bathurst Author, will share his love for writing about Bathurst. Linda Bullock, of Miramichi, will share some of her life's experiences. Call Wanetta at 548-5083 or Edith at 548-3924 for necessary reservations.



***Isaiah 5:1-7 (New International Version)***

- <sup>1</sup> I will sing for the one I love  
a song about his vineyard:  
My loved one had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.
- <sup>2</sup> He dug it up and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with the choicest vines.  
He built a watchtower in it  
and cut out a winepress as well.  
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,  
but it yielded only bad fruit.
- <sup>3</sup> "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.
- <sup>4</sup> What more could have been done for my vineyard  
than I have done for it?  
When I looked for good grapes,  
why did it yield only bad?
- <sup>5</sup> Now I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge,  
and it will be destroyed;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it will be trampled.
- <sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland,  
neither pruned nor cultivated,  
and briers and thorns will grow there.  
I will command the clouds  
not to rain on it."
- <sup>7</sup> The vineyard of the LORD Almighty  
is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
are the garden of his delight.  
And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;  
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

***Psalms 82 (New International Version)***

- <sup>1</sup> God presides in the great assembly;  
he gives judgment among the "gods":
- <sup>2</sup> "How long will you [a] defend the unjust  
and show partiality to the wicked?  
Selah
- <sup>3</sup> Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless;  
maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.
- <sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
- <sup>5</sup> "They know nothing, they understand nothing.  
They walk about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- <sup>6</sup> "I said, 'You are "gods";  
you are all sons of the Most High.'
- <sup>7</sup> But you will die like mere men;  
you will fall like every other ruler."
- <sup>8</sup> Rise up, O God, judge the earth,  
for all the nations are your inheritance.

***Luke 12:49-56 (New International Version)***

<sup>49</sup>"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup>From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does.

<sup>55</sup>And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. <sup>56</sup>Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?"