

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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July 7, 2019

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>2 Kings 5:1-14</i> <i>Psalm 30</i> <i>Galatians 6:1-16</i> <i>Luke 10:1-11, 16-20</i>	<i>Amos 7:7-17</i> <i>Psalm 82</i> <i>Colossians 1:1-14</i> <i>Luke 10:25-37</i>

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

MUSICAL PRELUDE

***CHORAL OPENING** – “Praise to the Lord” – VU #835 (Verse 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!

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)
 God invites us to listen for the Spirit in unexpected prophets.
Come and listen for God.
 God expects us to hear the Spirit’s voice in unexpected moments.
Come and hear God’s voice.
 God invites us to speak the Spirit’s name in unexpected places.
Come and speak God’s name.
 God invites us to come with the Spirit into every nook and cranny where the unexpected is hidden in every yet-to-be.

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** –

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” – VU #264

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (responsively)

...We never expected the words of heaven to come from their mouths.

We had closed our minds, Holy One. Please open our hearts.

...Those we condemn by association to religion, politics, income, appearance...

We had closed our minds, Holy One. Please open our hearts.

...Those of different genders, different lifestyles, and different opinions...

We had closed our minds, Holy One. Please open our hearts.
Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE – “How Deep the Peace” – MV #95

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY (with children of all ages)

***SINGING A SONG** – “Come, Let Us Sing” – VU #222

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Kings 5:1-14
 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Chesley Eddy

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM – “Though I May Speak”

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED

(in support of the ministry and mission of the church)

***CHORAL RESPONSE –**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” – VU #541

***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.***

***OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

**Holy One,
the world is very much with us this day:
places of peace and places of conflict.
Receive these gifts, Holy One, from our hands and hearts,
so that the world may be changed through them,
by the power of your Spirit working in them—
and by the power of your Spirit working in us.
Amen.**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS –

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” – VU #400

***Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (responsively)

...Loving God,

R. hear our prayer.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER – VU #921 (Ecumenical Version) (in unison)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as God’s people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – “We Are Pilgrims” – VU #595

***BLESSING**

***CHORAL CLOSING** – “When You Walk from Here” – VU #298
***When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God’s humble care.***

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*We choose those we like;
with those we love,
we have no say in the matter.
~Mignon McLaughlin~*

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Church News

This Week at First United –July 8-July 13

Tuesday	3pm	Office Closed
Friday	Office Closed	Summer Hours

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory of Cleveland Jagoe
by Alice and Family

A committal service will be held on
Wednesday, July 10th, 2pm,
at the Highland View Cemetery for
Alma (Gammon) Hayward.
All are invited to attend.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**
Total Collected **445**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect
17-18 jars of peanut butter per week.
The Volunteer Center supplies, on average,
500 households monthly.



The Upper Room for July and Aug. are in the Narthex. Please feel free
to take one. A container for donations is located with the
publication.

Notice from the Property Management Team For security reasons,
all doors to the sanctuary will be kept locked except the one closest to
the office. To enter the church during business hours, please use the St.
Patrick Street entrance.

Summer Hours: Starting June 7 until the end of August the church
office hours will be Monday - Thursday, 8-4. Closed 12-1.

Thank you to Anne Brooks and Pat Thibideau, Lola & Don Nelson
who were our counters and Nora McLean, Gary Branch and Chesley
Eddy who were the greeters for the month of June.

Community Events

**The annual memorial service for the Stonehaven New Bandon
Union Cemetery Inc.** will be held July 7, 2019, at 1:30 pm at the
Community Chapel. Pastor Jody Holmes will be the guest speaker,
Offering envelopes will be provided at the door allowing the donor to
specify whether their offering will be used for general revenue,
Perpetual care or restoration of the Community Chapel. Donors
wishing a receipt for donations of \$20 or more are asked to add their
name and mailing address to the envelope. Everyone is welcome.
Also, the annual meeting of the Stonehaven New Bandon Union
Cemetery Inc will be held on Monday, July 8 at 7 pm at the Community
Chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Camp On The Road Children ages 5-12
Christ Church Hall, Clifton 9AM – 3 PM Monday July 22
9:00AM -3 PM Tuesday July 23, Wednesday July 24 and Thursday July
26. Registration information from Laura McNulty at 546-2890 email
mcnullyl@nb.sympatico.ca
We will accept the first 18 applicants

Hospitality Days Breakfast

Saturday, July 20, 2019 \8:00 – 10:30 am
Saint George's Church Hall\432 King Avenue
Tickets: Adults – \$ 7.50, Children 12 and under – \$ 4.00, Family of 4 –
\$ 20.00 Tickets available in advance by calling the Church Office at
546-3225 and at the door on July 20th

The Anglican Parish of New Bandon will be holding a Strawberry
Social and bake sale on Wednesday, July 17 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
at Christ Church Hall in Clifton. Cost is \$6. Come out and enjoy a
delicious shortcake and some home baking.

St. Luke's Vacation Bible School. ROAR - Life is wild - God is
Good. July 22-26. 9:00 am - 12:00pm. Ages 4-12. Free. Register by
calling Rev. Glen Sampson at 506-546-4645 and leave a message or
email gsampson3@gmail.com. Space may be limited.

*Wherever I have knocked,
a door has opened.
Wherever I have wandered,
a path has appeared.
~Alice Walker~*

*Do not take anything for granted —
not one smile
or one person
or one rainbow
or one breath,
or one night in your cozy bed.
~Terri Guillemets~*

2 Kings 5:1-14 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Healing of Naaman

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.^[a]

² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.

³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."^[b]

⁴ So Naaman^[c] went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.

⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments.

⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."^[d]

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy?^[e] Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!"^[f]

¹² Are not Abana^[g] and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'"

¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Mission of the Seventy

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy^[a] others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.

⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.

⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!'

⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;

⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near.'^[b]

¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,

¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'^[c]

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The Return of the Seventy

¹⁷ The seventy^[a] returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!"

¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.

¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.

²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."