

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for Today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 19	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 21:33-46	Matthew 22:1-14

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (responsively)

In the scriptures, we're given the law, a tradition arising from our Jewish forebears.

In that tradition, the law provided stability to a community in the mix of daily life.

In the Christian tradition, the laws are firmed up in Jesus' call,

"Come, follow me. Love your neighbour as yourself."

We light this candle as a people who recognize Jesus as the source of grace

revealing the way and empowering us to follow.

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP - "This Is the Day" – MV #122

This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad!

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Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,

singing hal-le-lu! We will rejoice and be glad!

Singing hal-le-lu,

singing hal-le-lu,

singing hal-le-lu!

We will rejoice and be glad!

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING PRAYER



GATHERING HYMN – “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” - VU #232

Joyful, joyful we adore you
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus,
which the morning stars began;
God’s own love is reigning o’er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

CHORAL RESPONSE – “Jesus, You Fill Our Hearts” - MV #101

*Jesus, you fill our hearts with your love,
our minds with your peace,
and our lives
with your joy.*

GREETING ONE ANOTHER (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY (with those of all ages)

Matthew 21:43

SINGING A SONG – “I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy”

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart, Down in my heart;
I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

I’ve got the peace that passeth understanding,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart, Down in my heart;
I’ve got the peace that passeth understanding,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

I’ve got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart, Down in my heart;
I’ve got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Cheryl Brewster

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “For the Beauty of the Earth”

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy One,

may the vision of a world flourishing in love spark our imaginations.

May this vision become the whisper of the Spirit within us, giving shape to greater faithfulness, compassion, and justice.

Amen

SHARING OUR CONCERNS – “Bathe Me in Your Light” – MV #82
(Verse 1)

Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;

let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.

Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,

showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 for ever.

Amen.

GOING OUT (as God's people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN – “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” – VU #684

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred,
let me bring your love;
where there is injury,
your healing power,
and where there’s doubt,
true faith in you:

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there’s despair in life,
let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there’s sadness, ever joy.

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

BLESSING

CHORAL SENDING FORTH – “May the God of Peace” – MV #224

May the God of peace and of all good,

may the God of peace and of all good

be always with you. Amen!

May God’s peace be with you. Amen!

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

Church News

In loving memory of Sprague Wisemen

By Holly & Randy Vibert and Family

In loving memory of John M Daley

By Helen & Family

Peanut Butter Update To date, 339 jars have been collected and \$885.00 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.

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".

Announcements:

Fall is here and Thanksgiving is just around the corner, with that being said, we are looking for decoration donations to match the fall and Thanksgiving theme. You can drop this off at the Church from Monday to Friday 8-4PM closed 12-1 each day. Thank you!

Information Sheet For In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary

Please do not attend or plan to attend:

- If you have any symptoms of COVID-19:
 - fever or signs of a fever (such as chills)
 - new cough or worsening of a chronic cough
 - sore throat
 - headache
 - runny nose
 - new onset of fatigue
 - new onset of muscle pain
 - diarrhea
 - loss of taste or smell,
 - Have travelled outside the Atlantic Bubble within 14 days, or
 - Have had close contact with anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
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- You will need to register at the church office before 10.00 a.m. each Thursday for the following Sunday's service. Your name and phone number for you and those attending with you in your bubble will be recorded by Christina, and a seating plan will be made based on this information.
 - On Sunday morning, you will be met at the door by a greeter wearing a mask who will:
 - Ask you the above screening question, and
 - Confirm your name(s) and phone number(s) on the list provided by the church office.
 - If there is sufficient space with physical distancing, attendees who have not pre-registered will be welcome to enter, and their names and contact information will be added to the registration list.
 - Unfortunately, if there is insufficient space, non-registered people may need to be turned away, and will be given information about the church website and Facebook page.

- Each person in the church is expected to:
 - Wear a mask going to and from their seat (you choose whether to wear your mask while seated)
 - Use hand-sanitizer upon arrival and when leaving
 - Maintain a physical distance of at least 2 meters or 6 feet at all times with anyone outside your bubble.
 - Not shake hands or touch or hug others.
- Offering plates will be available on a table in the entry for you to place your offering, on the way in or out.
- A greeter will show you your designated seat, and you are to remain seated for the whole service. However, if you need to use the washroom, please do so.
- Coats and hats are to be taken into the Sanctuary.
- Bulletins will be on the chairs and pews. Used bulletins are to be put in the provided blue bin or taken home.
- No congregational or choir singing is allowed.
- There will be no hand-shaking or moving around during the Passing of the Peace. Please smile or wave to others.
- There will be no Sunday School at this time, and children will need to remain in their seats during Children's Time and during the whole service.
- There will be one or two video cameras at the back of the Sanctuary, as the service will be recorded for viewing later on the church website and Facebook page.

- When the service is over:
 - Rev. Neal will remain in the pulpit and Martha will remain at the organ or piano,
 - You will be asked to exit pew by pew starting at the back, and to go directly to the parking lot or your vehicle,
 - There will be no serving of refreshments, and
 - Please respect the physical distancing requirements while outside in the parking lot.

Many thanks to each of you for helping us meet the Provincial Health requirements. As uncomfortable or difficult as these procedures may be, by all of us doing so, we will help with keeping our families, congregation and community healthy, and allows us to share worship with our church family.

Your COVID-19 Response Team,

Sandra Boone

Bev Murphy

Ian Oliver

Jini Palmer

Rev. Neal Palmer

Brenda Parrot

Lester Scott

Martha Vickers

Exodus 20:1-4

The Ten Commandments

Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Exodus 20:7-9

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Exodus 20:12-20

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."
²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."