

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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October 11th, 2020

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<u>Lectionary for Today</u> Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Luke 17:11-19	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u> Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
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GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

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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we will rejoice and be glad!
Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,
singing hal-le-lu! We will rejoice and be glad!
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singing hal-le-lu! We will rejoice and be glad!**

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

God of the rivers, you bring water to our communities that quench our thirst and soak our fields.

For which, we give thanks.

God of the land, you nourish the soil and grow life in trees and grasses and gardens.

For which, we give thanks.

God of the harvest, you bring forth bounty from the earth and share it with us.

For which, we give thanks.

God of community, we're called to share with one another, to make room at our table, to be grateful.

For which, we give thanks as well.

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN – "Come, You Thankful People, Come" - VU #516

Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in, safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide, for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field, harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown, here for joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest-giver, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For our God, one day, shall come, and shall take this harvest home;
from the field shall in that day all offences purge away;
giving angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, God, quickly come to your final harvest home!
Gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified, in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (responsively)

...Forgive us, we pray, for the times we've failed to share the bread of life in all its forms.

Help us change, to give, to share, that all may know the love you offer and have their hunger filled too.

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)

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 READINGS

Gary Branch

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Luke 17:11-19

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC - "The Perfect Wisdom of our God"

Vocalist: Emma Vickers

Previously Recorded at First United Church May 24, 2020

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy One,

we bring these gifts as a sign of our love.

Take and bless these offerings, we pray, to build something better.

May they spread your love to those who need it.

May they help shine light where shadows loom.

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 (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 forever
and ever.**

Amen.

GOING OUT (as God’s people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN – “Praise God for the Harvest” – VU #517

Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
praise God for the people who gather their yield,
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
the patience of science, the power of machine.

Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown
by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.

Praise God for the harvest that’s quarried and mined,
then sifted, and smelted, and shaped, and refined;
for oil and for iron, for copper and coal,
praise God , who in love has provided them all.

Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
the urge to discover, create, and fulfil:
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.

Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
from leaders and peoples, who struggle and serve
for fairness and kindness, that all may be led
in freedom and safety, and all may be fed.

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.)



**Now is no time to
think of what you
do not have. Think
of what you can do
with what.**

ERNEST HEMINGWAY



Church News

In Loving memory of Lillian Comeau

By Herman Comeau

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".

Information Sheet For In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary

Revised October 9, 2020

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 at all times
 - 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.
- Please go directly into the Sanctuary and be seated. 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

Rev. Neal Palmer

Bev Murphy

Brenda Parrott

Ian Oliver

Lester Scott

Jini Palmer

Martha Vickers

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶ and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."