

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>
Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalms 62:5-12	Psalms 111
1 Corinthians 7:29-31	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

...We light the Christ Candle as the light that both shows us the way and helps us imagine the way.

The Christ Candle is lit.

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP "A Light Is Gleaming" - VU # 82

refrain

*A light is gleaming,
spreading its arms throughout the night,
living in the light.
Come share its gladness,
God's radiant love is burning bright,
living in the light.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN

"Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" VU # 563

Jesus, you have come to the Lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
You only asked me to follow humbly.

Chorus

*O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
By your side, I will seek other seas.*

You know so well my possessions;
My boat carries no gold and no weapons;
You will find there my nets and labour.

Chorus

You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest;
and constant love that keeps on loving.

Chorus

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

Chorus

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

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.***

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

SHARING A STORY *(with those of all ages)*

SINGING A SONG "Here in this Ordinary Place"

May we awake, awaken
To the presence of God
The presence of God
The presence of God
May we awake, awaken
To the presence of God
Here in this ordinary place.

(Chorus)

Here, here in this ordinary place.
Here, here in this ordinary place.

May we awake, awaken
To the power of love
The power of love
The power of love.
May we awake, awaken
To the power of love
Here in this ordinary place.

(Chorus)

Here, here in this ordinary place.
Here, here in this ordinary place.

And may we build a community of
Justice for all
Justice for all
Justice for all
And may we build communities of justice for all
Here in this ordinary place.

(Chorus)

Here, here in this ordinary place.
Here, here in this ordinary place.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jini Palmer

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Mark 1:14-20

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC

Martha Vickers

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**To the one who calls us by name,
we dedicate a gift of gratitude for your use.
We ourselves have toiled and felt the weight of futility.
We come now in earnest hope and faith to offer what we
have, to do what we can, and to let go of the outcome.
Amen**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

VU # 400

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

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

"We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)"

VU # 595

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

BLESSING

CHORAL SENDING FORTH

"Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light" MV # 211

***Go now in peace,
guided by the light of Christ,
so you may be nourished
by the Word of Life***

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

Church News

Just a reminder when in person worship services resume that you need to register at the church office before 1:00 pm each Friday for the following Sunday's service.

Please note the office hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, closed for lunch from 12:00 to 12:30.

Meetings The Pastoral Council will meet via Zoom on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at **6:00 PM**. The COVID-19 Team members are asked to join this meeting at **7:00 PM**.

Peanut Butter Update As of January 21, 2021, 17 jars of Peanut Butter have been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. Peanut butter can be dropped off at the church office anytime during office 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.

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

Conversion of Nineveh

3 The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it

MARK 1:14-20

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news^[a] of God,^[b] ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;^[c] repent, and believe in the good news.”^[d]

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.