

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
www.firstunited-bathurst.ca

February 28, 2021

Minister - Rev. Neal Palmer **Music Director** - Martha Vickers

Office Adm - Margaret Daniels **Custodian** - Steve White

All musical selections reprinted under license #4-606499, One License for Churches

<u>Lectionary for Today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 22:23-31	Psalm 19
Romans 4:13-25	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Mark 8:31-38	John 2:13-22

The plants and flowers in the sanctuary are placed by
the First United Church Women's Group

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP "O God We Call" - VU # 411

*O God we call, O God we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN

"Bring Many Names"

VU # 268

Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

LENTEN TENEBRAE

Lent 2 – Psalm 22

...Help us remember that you're always there, like the stars over our heads, bright and constant. Help us embrace the healing power of your mercy for the things we've done wrong. Help us live merciful lives even when we've been wronged. Help us trust in you, as Sarah did, even when times are hard.

(Silent confession as second candle is extinguished.)

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New" - MV #115

***Behold, behold, I make all things new
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.***

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

SINGING A SONG "God's Rainbow"

Take a look around you, what do you see?
The beautiful rainbow of God's family.
Though we're all different, no two of us the same,
God loves each of us and calls us by name.
(name), you are a child of God,
made in the image of your Creator.
(name) and (name) you are God's children too.
God loves me and God loves you!

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Carter Lavigne

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Mark 8:31-38

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC

Martha Vickers

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Holy One,
you've promised that if we reach out in faith, you can and will
do the impossible.
We pray, then, that you'll take today's gifts, and by your
grace, transform them into whatever's needed most here in
our community and beyond.
Amen**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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 "Faith of Our Fathers" VU #580

Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
when e'er we hear that glorious word:
faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real:
faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright:
faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Faith born of God, O call us yet;
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

BLESSING

CHORAL SENDING FORTH

"Stay with Us through the Night" VU # 182

***Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning breaks again.***

Church News

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.

Peanut Butter Update As of February 25, 2021, 69 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.

World Day of Prayer 2021 will be held on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Evangel Pentecostal Church, 150 Basin Road, Bathurst if we have returned to **YELLOW** phase, however only the first 50 people will be allowed entry. If we continue to be in the **ORANGE** phase, please watch on line instead at www.WICC.org

GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.

2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous."

3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

7 I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. (PAUSE)

15 God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

16 I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

MARK 8: 31-38

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."