

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**October 10, 2021**

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<b><u>Lectionary for today</u></b>	<b><u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u></b>
Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
Psalms 22:1-15	Psalms 91:9-16
Hebrews 4:12-16	Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:17-31	Mark 10:35-45

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

*GATHERING*

**MUSIC AS WE GATHER**

**WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

...We light this candle to remind us of the light that never goes out.

*The Christ candle is lit.*

**CENTERING FOR WORSHIP**    "Come Build a Church"  
*(Seasons of the Spirit – volume 7)*

Come build a church with soul and spirit,  
come build a church of flesh and bone.  
We need no tower rising skyward;  
no house of wood or glass or stone.

Come build a church with human frailty,  
Come build a church of flesh and blood.  
Jesus shall be its sure foundation.  
It shall be built by the hand of God.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsively)*

We come;

**not to be entertained,**

not to be needlessly humoured,

**nor to remain the same.**

We come, rather,

**to be moved by new visions,**

to be disturbed by our reluctance to let things go,

**to be changed by the invitation of grace.**

We come with expectancy and hope,

**in the life-changing Spirit of Christ.**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**\*GATHERING HYMN:**

"Come, You Thankful People, Come"

VU #516

Come, you thankful people, come,  
raise the song of the 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 the 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 his harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away;  
giving angels charge at last  
in the fire the weeds to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in the garner ever more.

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

## **MEDITATION OF HUMILITY**

### **CHORAL RESPONSE**

MV #85

"Take, O Take Me as I Am"

***Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me, in me.***

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

#### **\*SINGING A SONG**

"I Am a Child of God"  
*(Seasons of the Spirit Songbook – volume 8)*

##### *Verse 1*

I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.  
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.

##### *Verse 2*

I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation,  
I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.

##### *Verse 3*

I am an angry voice, I am compassion and consternation,  
I am an angry voice, I am an angry voice.

##### *Verse 4*

I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication,  
I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.

##### *Verse 5*

I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation,  
I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

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## **ENGAGING**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Isabel MacLaggan*

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Mark 10:17-31

### **REFLECTION**

### **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

### **GIFT OF MUSIC**

*John & Isabel Clouston*

"Come Touch Our Hearts"

## **RESPONDING**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

*Pat MacIntosh*

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** (*in unison*)

**Holy One,  
receive not only our gifts of money,  
but our heartfelt commitments,  
to a more generous and equitable world.  
In the receiving, grant us not only your blessing,  
but courage as well, for living in Christ's way.  
Amen**

*COMMUNING*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

MV #198

**WHEN WE GATHER AT THE TABLE**

Words by  
WALTER FARQUHARSON

Music by  
RON KLUSMEIER



1. When we gath - er at the ta - ble wine is poured and  
2. Je - sus of - fers our thanks - giv - ing bless - ing God for  
3. Word of prom - ise claims at - ten - tion, earth re - newed by  
4. Come, in - vi - ted, now draw near - er, join this ho - ly  
5. Christ, your com - ing and your host - ing gives us place at



(1) bread is bro - ken. Then love claims us, of - fering heal - ing,  
(2) life we're giv - en. From the earth comes grain to feed us,  
(3) God's de - sign - ing. All the crea - tures join in prais - es;  
(4) cel - e - bra - tion. Here be strength - ened, called to jus - tice,  
(5) wide - ning ta - ble now em - brac - ing world and neigh - bor,



(1) we hear wel - come, gent - ly spo - ken.  
(2) wa - tered by the rains of heav - en.  
(3) God's in - tend - ed whole - ness find - ing.  
(4) liv - ing now God's new cre - a - tion.  
(5) Spir - it strong, by love en - a - bled.

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**\*GREETING ONE ANOTHER** (*responsively*)

.....The Peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**INVITATION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*responsively*)

The Holy One is here!

**The Spirit is with us!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is good to give thanks and praise.**

...In companionship with all creatures, we're one in gratitude for the gift of the mystery of life, and one in longing for a world reborn.

**Creator and Friend,**

**thanks for your presence in and with Creation, ever drawing it toward healing and wholeness.**

**In our joy, you're the overflowing cup; in our need, you're the bread by which we journey on.**

**With all who abide in your presence and care, we lift our voices to sing:**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy" – MV #203**

***O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.***

***All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.***

***Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise.***

***And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!***

...We remember Jesus:

**On Good Friday he died.  
On Easter he rose again.  
Today he lives forever.**

...We gather these and all our prayers, thankful that we may turn to you as to a loving mother, saying together...

**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...**

**"Great Amen"** – MV #205

***Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!***

***Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen!***

Jesus Christ, the bread of life.

Jesus Christ, the cup of blessing.

*Congregational Response – "Amen" or "Thanks be to God"*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*in unison*)

**Gracious One,  
may your gifts of love transform and enliven us  
that we may live lives of thanksgiving.  
May your presence provoke such longing for your way,  
that we'll never be satisfied until the whole earth knows  
your justice, your peace, and your love.  
Amen**

*GOING OUT (as God's people)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

VU #517

"Praise God for the Harvest"

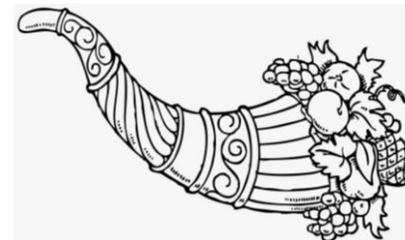
Praise god for the harvest of the orchard and field,  
praise God for the people who gather their yield,  
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,  
the patience of science the power of machine.

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 CLOSING**

VU #298

“When You Walk from Here”

*When you walk from here,  
when you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
and with God's humble care.*

*(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)*

**POSTLUDE**

## Church News

The regular office hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, closed for lunch from 12:00 to 12:30.

**Peanut Butter Update** – As of October 7, 2021, 468 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.

**Thank you to our volunteers in August:** **Counters** – Robert Willis & Shirley Sealy; **Greeters** – Margaret Payne-Chenard & Mike Kierstead; **Minute for Missions** – Bev Murphy; **Readers** – Catherine Eddy, Anne Brooks, Mike Kierstead and Gary Branch; **Candle Lighters** – Kennan & Brynn Wilbur; **Vocalists** – John & Isabel Clouston; **Sound System** – Brenda Parrott, Shirley Allain and Ralph Jamieson; and **Videographer** – Don Eddy

**Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council** is looking for lay members to be on the Affirm Committee, and the Archives and Records Committee. They would like to make use of your wisdom, expertise and energy! Please consider these opportunities and if you think you may be interested, please contact Rev. Neal, Martha Vickers, or Jini Palmer for further information.

# Church News

## **Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters Workshops:**

**# 1 - Title: To Archive or Not To Archive?** - Presented by: Sarah Wallace, Archivist, FSLDW and Region 15  
Date: October 20, 2021 Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Format: Zoom - R.S.V.P.: [jmandrs@mta.ca](mailto:jmandrs@mta.ca) by October 18, 2021

**# 2 - Title: Artifacts Unlocked!** - Presented by: Julielynn Anderson, Chair, Archives and Records FSLDW and member of the Denominational Working Group on Artifacts  
Date: October 28, 2021 Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Format: Zoom - R.S.V.P.: [jmandrs@mta.ca](mailto:jmandrs@mta.ca) by October 26, 2021

**Headsets/Hearing Accessories for use in the sanctuary** – The Finance Team has approved the purchase of 5 additional hearing accessories for use during our worship services. Each unit is valued at approximately \$185. Should anyone wish to contribute to the purchase of these please indicate “headset donation” on your envelope and it will be noted on your annual tax receipt. Donations may also be made at the church office.

If you wish to order one for your personal use only please contact the church office to make arrangements. Please note these headsets will not work with any of your personal items at home such as your television or computer as the receiver is set for the church sound system.

**COVID 19 UPDATE** – To do our part in keeping the community and our church family as safe as possible, effective September 22, 2021, anyone 12 years or older will be asked to show proof of being fully vaccinated (two doses) or medically exempt when entering the church building. This practice will continue for Sunday services and those visiting the Church office and buildings during the week, until further notice.

We are also required to wear masks at all times while in the church building. The GOOD NEWS is that we are able to continue congregational singing while wearing our masks! Physical distancing in the seating arrangements will also continue.

**Reminder** – If you plan to attend the service in-person, please call the church office at 546-3532 by **Friday** morning, and give Margaret the name(s) and phone number(s) for yourself and anyone in your bubble who will be sitting with you. A seating plan will be pre-arranged based on the required physical distancing rules. On-line services will continue, on a delayed basis, as the in-person service will be recorded and then uploaded to the church website and Facebook page in due course. Registering for the service also allows for the appropriate number of bulletins to be printed.

**Property Management Committee Meeting** will be held on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Ruth Morrison Room. Masks are mandatory.

## *Community News*

**“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 2022 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](mailto:egbranch@rogers.com)) will be taking orders for these calendars until October 12, 2021. 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”.

**The North Shore Shrine Club** are raising funds to help sick children by the sale of calendars and fruit cakes. The funds are used to pay for the transportation of sick children to the hospital in Montreal. The calendars are \$20 each and you have the chance to win \$25 each day of the year. The fruit cakes - 3 cakes per box - are \$20 per box. To order a calendar or cakes please contact Harvey Spence at 546-2742. Thank you!

## SCRIPTURE READING – NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

### JOB 23:1-9; 16-17

**1** Then Job answered:

**2** "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

**3** Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling!

**4** I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

**5** I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me.

**6** Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me.

**7** There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

**8** "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him;

**9** on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

**16** God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me;

**17** If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

### MARK 10:17-31

**17** As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

**18** Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

**19** You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'"

**20** He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."

**21** Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

**22** When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

**23** Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

**24** And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

**25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

**26** They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?"

**27** Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

**28** Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

**29** Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,

**30** who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

**31** But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."