

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
*First United Church, Bathurst*  
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**October 17, 2021**

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<b><u>Lectionary for today</u></b>	<b><u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u></b>
Job 38:1-7, 34-41 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

The bulletin today has been placed  
in loving memory of **Betty Chamberlain and**  
**grandson Bradley Chamberlain**  
by the family  
&  
in loving memory of **Orin Jagoe**  
by Shirley and the family  
&  
in loving memory of **Vivian Howatt**  
by the family

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

**GATHERING**

**MUSIC AS WE GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**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*)

Wisdom searches, wisdom seeks.

**And we journey with her.**

Wisdom wonders. Wisdom wanders.

**And we follow her call.**

Through the fog

**of our sometimes confusing lives,**

through the bright lights

**that distract us from Christ's way,**

wisdom offers us security. Wisdom offers us clarity. Wisdom offers us the knowledge of God's ways.

**And so, we best follow and heed her ways.**

## GATHERING PRAYER

### \*GATHERING HYMN:

"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

MV #10

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
she who danced, when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches,  
for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
crying in the market-place.  
Hear the Word made flesh among us,  
full of glory, truth and grace.  
When the word takes root and ripens,  
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;  
nurture all who seek rebirth.  
Spirit-guide and close companion,  
bring to light our sacred worth.  
Free us to become your people,  
holy friends of God and earth.

### PRAYER OF HUMILITY (*responsively*)

...Sadly, it can also hinder our own expressions of authenticity.

**We ask, then, for help in reshaping our deepest desires;  
remoulding them in the ways of self-giving, restating them in  
words of compassion.**

**We know your call to be great isn't a call to be above and  
beyond all others. It, rather, is the fullness of love lived out in  
community; a daring to be all we're created to be.**

Grace us then, we pray, in the being and doing, giving new insight,  
and showing us

**less-taken paths of renewed possibility.**

## 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.***

### \*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

VU #575

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

*ENGAGING*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Mark 10:35-45

## 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,  
receive these gifts we offer,  
and multiply what we give,  
transforming them into an overflowing abundance  
to serve those most in need.**

Amen

## SHARING OUR CONCERNS

## 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

VU #603

"In Loving Partnership We Come"

In loving partnership we come,  
seeking, O God, your will to do.  
Our Prayers and actions now receive,  
we freely offer them to you.

We are the hands and feet of Christ,  
serving by grace each other's need.  
We dare to risk and sacrifice  
with truthful word and faithful deed.

Loving community we seek;  
your hope and strength within us move.  
The poor and rich, the strong and weak  
are brought together in your love.

In loving partnership, O God,  
help us your future to proclaim.  
Justice and peace be our desire,  
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

### \*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 15, 2021, 478 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.

**Christian Development Team Meeting** will be held on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The Zoom meeting connection information will be forwarded via email to the team members.

**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.

## **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: Julielynne 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

**Rev. Neal will be on Continuing Education leave** from Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> through to Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> as well as from Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> through to Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Sue White will be covering for any pastoral care emergencies. She can be reached by calling 547-5745.

# *Church News*

**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.

# *Community News*

**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!

## ***YOU ARE INVITED!***

Join your colleagues/friends/neighbours in the three Atlantic Regions in an on-line book study through 4 weeks in November. We'll read together Canadian Senator (Retired) Hugh Segal's recent book: Bootstraps Need Boots; One Tory's Lonely Fight To End Poverty in Canada (UBC Press, Vancouver, 2019).

The four Zoom sessions are to be held on Wednesdays, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 to 8:30 PM Atlantic Time; 7:30 to 9 NL time. Each session will be 1½ hours duration. Meetings will be hosted by Marion Pardy (NL), Karen & Hal Llewellyn (NS) and Rose-Hannah Gaskin (NB).

We ask those who register to make a commitment to read through the book and to participate as fully as possible in the sessions. The plan is to go through 5 chapters each evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. We have Senator Hugh Segal himself confirmed for November 24<sup>th</sup> discussion and final session.

The registration form can be accessed <https://ucceast.ca/64326-book-study-bootstraps-need-boots-one-torys-lonely-fight-to-end-poverty-in-canada/>. Registration deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>.

There is no charge for the course. We invite participants, however, to consider making a free-will offering to the Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada.

The books can be purchased through the United Church Resource Centre, St. John's, NL at a subsidized cost of \$25 (plus shipping, if necessary). United Church Resource Centre, 320 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9; by telephone at 1-800-268-3781, extension 6141; or email Leona Laundry at [LLaundry@united-church.ca](mailto:LLaundry@united-church.ca).

## SCRIPTURE READING – NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

### JOB 38:1-7, 34-41

**1** Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

**2** Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

**3** Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

**4** Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

**5** Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

**6** On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

**7** when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

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**34** Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you?

**35** Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, "Here we are"?

**36** Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind?

**37** Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

**38** when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

**39** Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

**40** when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert?

**41** Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

### MARK 10:35-45

**35** James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

**36** And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"

**37** And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

**38** But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

**39** They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

**40** but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

**41** When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

**42** So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

**43** But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,

**44** and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.

**45** For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."