

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>
Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Ruth 1:1-18
Psalms 34:1-8, 19-22	Psalms 146
Hebrews 7:23-28	Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 10:46-52	Mark 12:28-34

The flowers in our sanctuary and bulletin today have been placed
in loving memory of Betty Lavigne
by Judy and Macky
&
The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory Vivien Kierstead
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

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN:** "Spirit, Open My Heart" MV #79

Refrain:
Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
To your grace I now surrender.

Refrain:

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed,
May my living bring you glory.

Refrain:

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
May we welcome one another.

Refrain:
Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

MV #85

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

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

VU #575

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 42:1-6, 10-17

Mark 10:46-52

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*OFFERING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Holy One,
we hear the call of Jesus to rise;
we hear the call of Jesus to be well.
We hear the call of Jesus to follow;
we hear the call of Jesus to care.
Bless these gifts, we pray,
and bless the lives of those
who give in your service as well.
Amen

Gary Branch

Martha Vickers

Bev Murphy

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

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** "O for a World" VU #697
(tune Old Winchester VU #75)

O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

*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



Annual Remembrance Service - Each year, on the Sunday
immediately prior to Remembrance Day, we honour our war veterans
as well as those who lost their lives in war. Our Remembrance Service
will be held Sunday, November 7th. Those wishing to place memorial
crosses in the sanctuary are reminded to contact the Legion office no
later than **November 3rd** either by telephone 546-5280 or drop by
the Legion located at 1220 Bridge Street. Note proof of full
vaccination, ID and masks are required to enter the Legion.

***Thank you for supporting our veterans
and the Legion.***



The crosses will be placed in the church on Thursday, November 4th.

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 21, 2021, 483 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.

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

The **Ways & Means Team** will meet Monday, October 25, 2021 at 9:00 AM in the Ruth Morrison Room. As per Covid 19 protocol masks are required.

Save the date – A ***take out only turkey supper*** is scheduled for Thursday, November 25, 2021. Further details pertaining to tickets will be announced next week.

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 Workshop:

2 - Title: Artifacts Unlocked! - Presented by: Julielyne 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 by October 26, 2021

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 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th 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 3rd, 10th, and 17th. We have Senator Hugh Segal himself confirmed for November 24th 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 31st.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING – NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

JOB 42:1-6, 10-17

1 Then Job answered the Lord:

2 “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

3 ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

4 ‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.’

5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

10 And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

11 Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring.

12 The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys.

13 He also had seven sons and three daughters.

14 He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch.

15 In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers.

16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations.

17 And Job died, old and full of days.

MARK 10:46-52

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

49 Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.”

50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

51 Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.”

52 Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.