

The United Church of Canada
 Bathurst Pastoral Charge
 First United Church, Bathurst
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Lectionary for today Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Lectionary for next Sunday Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18
We welcome John & Isabel Clouston as our guest vocalists this week and thank them for their gift of music	
The bulletin today is in loving memory of Teri McLean Disney placed by her parents, Eldie & Nora McLean	

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

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP



***CENTERING FOR WORSHIP** - "Come Into The Streets With Me"
 (Words by Shirley Erena Murray/Music by Ron Klusmeier)
 (while waving palm crosses)

Come into the streets with me!
 Come to where the crowds will be,
 see a strange and gentle king
 on a donkey travelling.

Refrain
 Come and follow my leader,
 come and follow my leader,
 Jesus Christ is riding by,
 come and follow my leader!

All the people shout his name,
 waving branches, sing his fame,
 throw their coats upon his road,
 glad to praise the Son of God.

Refrain

If the soldiers draw their swords,
 will we dare to sing these words,
 be his friends for just a day,
 cheer him on, then run away?

Refrain

Jesus goes where things are rough,
 Jesus knows when life is tough,
 always comes to us, his friends,
 so his story never ends.

Refrain

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Christ Candle is lit.

GATHERING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMN

VU #122

"All Glory, Laud and Honour"

(while waving palm crosses)

Refrain

*All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
make sweet hosannas ring.*

You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and blessed one.

Refrain

The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

Refrain

To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Refrain

Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious king.

Refrain

TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE *(A Lenten Spiritual Practice)*

Lent Challenge 6

Margaret Payne-Chénard

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Silent Spring Song"

(Words by Shirley Erena Murray/Music by Ron Klusmeier)

Now is the time for a reckoning,
now all is flowering and flourishing,
God, help your children mindfully listen:
soon there may be just a silent spring.
Silent spring,
silent spring.

Silent the voices in bush and tree,
silent the creatures of air and sea,
God, help your children mindfully listen:
ours are the hands that took earth for free.
Silent spring,
silent spring.

We are the root of the earth's unease,
we are the pirates who dredge the seas,
God, help your children mindfully listen:
ours is the creed doing as we please.
Silent spring,
silent spring.

We are the spenders of precious store,
we are the greedy who take no score,
God, help your children mindfully listen:
ours are the mouths wanting more and more.
Silent spring,
silent spring.

We take the bounty of all you give,
we are the sorrow that makes you grieve,
God, help your children mindfully listen:
mindfully chose how the world will live!
Silent spring,
silent spring.

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

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

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

Sandra Boone & Anne Wilson

Luke 19:36, 38-39

***SINGING A SONG** – “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” VU #123

Hosanna, loud hosanna
the happy children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
`mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and singing clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
content that little children
should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence
eternally rejoice!

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Sandra Boone

Luke 19:28-40

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC

Isabel & John Clouston

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

**Save us, Holy One,
from injustice, from hunger,
from conflict, from indifference.
Call us, we pray,
to works of justice, feeding the hungry,
peacemaking in conflict, and seeking the lost.
And we, Holy One, will go with you,
beside you, because of you—
and now.
Amen**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(responsively)*

...as she tries to forget the lack of food for her table?

We pray for the hungry.

...who remains silent, lonely, even in a crowd?

We pray for the lonely.

...who isn't out for the day but whose home is that street?

We pray for the homeless.

...looking among the crowd for someone long gone?

We pray for those grieving.

...with wounds and hurt from a different violence?

We pray for those in conflict.

...from hosanna to crucify and those who must suffer?

We pray for ourselves and why we are here.

THE LORD'S PRAYER – VU #921 (Ecumenical Version) *(in unison)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as Spirit people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – “We Glimpse, O Love, Your Hidden Way”
(tune VU 108 Winchester New)

Ride on ride on O holy, longing Lord.
Below your feet our coats we lay.
Above your head the branches wave.
We glimpse, O Love, your hidden way.

Ride on ride on O steadfast, sorrowing King,
processing through our scattered aims.
And mounted low, close to our hearts,
a lingering trace of hope impart.

Ride on, ride on O vivid, lonely One.
Ride through the clamour of the day.
And when the silence rises new
draw us more deeply into you.

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***BLESSING**

***CHORAL CLOSING** – “Stay With Us through the Night” –
VU #182 *(Verse 1)*

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

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

POSTLUDE



Church News

The regular church office hours are Monday to Friday 9 AM to 3 PM. The office will be **closed** on Good Friday, April 15th and on Monday, April 18th.

Peanut Butter Update - As of April 7th, 2022, **92** jars of Peanut Butter have been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center and an additional **106** jars have been dropped off directly at the Centre from the monetary donations made at the church office. Peanut butter can be dropped off at the church office anytime during office hours. We have an additional \$420 collected for the next group purchase.

Should you wish to make a monetary donation you may now do so by **issuing your cheque to First United Church**, indicating it is to be used for the purchase of Peanut Butter. Your donation will be marked as such and will be included on your annual tax receipt. Your cheques can be dropped off at the church office or mailed to 309 St. Patrick Street, Bathurst NB E2A 1E2. Periodically someone from our Community Outreach Team will purchase the peanut butter and have it delivered directly to the Volunteer Center.

News reports of the invasion of Ukraine stir both our hearts and our conscience. As people of faith, The United Church of Canada holds in prayer all those facing fear and violence and seeks the immediate cessation of war. To donate money to help **Ukraine**, through the United Church of Canada, go to this link: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/conflict-ukraine>

Upcoming services:

- Friday April 15th at 10 AM Good Friday Service
- Sunday April 17th at 10 AM Easter Service with communion

The Nominations Team is looking for a third person to represent First United Church at Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional meetings. The Team is also looking for someone who is willing to become a Trustee, as one of the current Trustees has stepped down. If you are interested, or know of someone who is interested in volunteering, please contact Rick Watling to discuss 543-0053.

Church News

The Land Acknowledgement Sub-team of the Christian Development Team (CD Team) at First United has been hard at work over the past two years; researching Social Action themes important to our Community of Faith.

In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada published a list of 94 Calls to Action. One of these called for Churches to respond.

"We call upon all religious organizations and faith groups who have not already done so to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous lands and peoples, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullis." Call to Action #49

Why is this important to our Church? What is our church called to do?

These questions led us to months of research and discussion. We wish to share some of this new knowledge with you. Over the next few Sundays during "**Sharing a Story**" time, we will be sharing what we have learned so far. In addition, please look for a special section printed in the bulletin entitled "**Huckleberry's Highlights**"

We encourage everyone to visit the United Church of Canada website for more information about Social Action and Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice at <https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/reconciliation-and-indigenous-justice>

Purses Plus – The Community Outreach Sub Team extends thanks to all who generously contributed supplies to our new project. In fact, the response has been so positive that 2 deliveries have been made to Passage House & were received with gratitude. Please keep in mind that children/youth are sometimes residents so that supplies to address their needs would be welcome. Suggestions include toys & books.

2 boxes of yarn have been donated to First United Church. Anyone who wishes to knit items is welcome to use this yarn and return the items to the church for the Community Outreach team to donate. Recommendations are hats, mitts and/or socks.

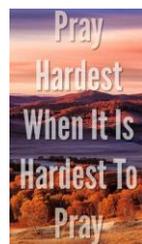
Lenten Challenges

Today is the sixth Sunday in Lent. Each week during Lent this year, a Lenten challenge has been offered. After speaking the words, a symbol of the challenge and a sign with the challenge written on it will be placed on the table.



The first week, we asked everyone to do a random act of generosity.

The second week, we asked everyone to express gratitude to someone they don't usually thank and to name three things for which they were grateful every day.



The third week we asked that you pray for an enemy or someone in your life you have been having difficulties with. Each day we asked you to pray for them or simply send them love and compassion.

The fourth week we asked that you share your faith with someone else. Tell them about your church, offer them a ride to the service or possibly buy them a ticket to the next supper – telling them it's just to remind them of God's presence.



Last week we asked that you call or visit someone who is lonely or alone. Someone you aren't usually in the habit of reaching out to – someone in the community or a stranger.

SCRIPTURE READING – NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

Luke 19:28-40

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,

30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

34 They said, "The Lord needs it."

35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

37 As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,

38 saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

May God bless to our understanding this significant part of our Christian story...