

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35
<i>We welcome John & Isabel Clouston as our vocalists and thank them for their gift of music</i>	
The family of Bertram Demmings dedicates today's bulletin in recognition of Bert's 103rd birthday. May he be abundantly blessed with good health and happiness today, tomorrow and the days to come.	
<p><i>"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He causes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."</i></p>	

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

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

... We light the Christ Candle, then, remembering we're made of light and love, remembering—we're called to bring that light and love to others.

The Christ Candle is lit.

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP -

VU #374 (Verse 1)

"Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

***Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.***

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

...For those, then, who provide care of every form and every kind—
everywhere.

Bless them, Holy One, with your love.

(A candle is lit.)

As they cradle us with care,

Bless them with your love.

(A candle is lit.)

Remind us to help them out.

Bless them with your love.

(A candle is lit.)

Remind us to work together. To never shout!

Bless them with your love.

(A candle is lit.)

For mothers of every gender and connection everywhere, God is with us. Don't despair!

Bless them, Holy One, with your love.

(A candle is lit.)

GATHERING PRAYER

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

"When We Are Living" – VU #581 (*Verses 1 & 2*)

Isabel & John Clouston

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

...The Memorial candle is lit.

"When We Are Living" – VU #581 (*Verses 3 & 4*)

Isabel & John Clouston

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Memorials

Byron Branch	Glendon MacIntosh
Sue Ellen Branch	Donald McLean *
Gary Bryanton	Norma McLean
Joyce Carmichael	Gerald Mitton
Melissa Carroll	Evan Moffitt
Elizabeth (Betty) Chamberlain	Brooklyn Morrison
John Faulds	Debra Oliver
Howard Gilliss	Marvin Ramsay
Ralph Good	Douglas Ronalds
Ronald Good	Phyllis Rowe
Vernon (Bud) Hanley	Muriel Roy
Palmer Hierlihy	Haines Scott
Barbara Hinton	Joyce Elaine Scott
Viva Hinton	Tanya Scott
Jessie Horsley	Jeanean Smyth
Bonita Howard	Loretta Smyth *
Alice Jagoe	Lynn Vance
Orin Jagoe	Gary Ward
Clifford Lavigne	Betty Wood
Robert (Bob) Losier	Norman Young
Hannah MacDonald	

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*)

Brenda Parrott & Sandra Boone

John 10:27-28

***SINGING A SONG** – “Praise Our Maker” – VU #316

Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:
God is love, God is Love!
Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:
God is love, God is love!

Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:
God is love, God is love!
Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:
God is love, God is love!

Care for others, children of the Spirit:
God is love, God is love!
Care for others, children of the Spirit:
God is love, God is love!

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gary Branch

Acts 9:36-43

The 23rd Psalm

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REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “As the Wind Song Through the Trees”

Isabel & John Clouston

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

**Generous One,
your gifts are countless.
We are led, guided, and restored
when its most needed.
We recall this generosity now
and remember the examples of Tabitha and others
who shared what they had with those in need.
We offer our gifts today and pray they'll be blessed
for the work of our ministry together.
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 kindom 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 kindom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as Spirit people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – VU #556
"Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"

Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

When our way is undemanding,
let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures,
sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another
and in you, our gracious God.

From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
every one whose life we share.

And through all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.

Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.

***BLESSING** *(responsively)*

...Go now into the world where Christ's Spirit is already
at work...feeding, clothing, caring, and tending.

**We go in Jesus' name to be the Body of Christ
in *our* time and place.
Let it be so.
Amen.**

***CHORAL CLOSING** – MV #222
"May the Peace of God Be Your Peace"

***May the peace of God be your peace.
May the love of God be the love you show.
May the joy of God be the joy you know,
and may the world that God would see be found in you.***

(The Candles are extinguished.)

POSTLUDE

Church News

The regular church office hours are Monday to Friday 9 AM to 3 PM.

TAKE OUT Ham & Scallop Potato Supper will be held on Thursday, May 19th from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children. As there are a limited number of tickets they will be sold on a first come-first served basis. Please contact a member of the *Ways & Means Committee* or drop by the church office. ***Sponsored by McDonald Restaurant, Bathurst***

Outdoor clean-up of grounds at First United is scheduled for May 14, 2022 starting at 9 AM. Everyone welcome, bring your own tools. Many hands make light work.

With Sympathy – The West Bathurst Cemetery Committee was saddened to hear of the death of Graham Farquharson which occurred on May 2, 2022, after a courageous battle with Parkinsons and Leukemia. Graham recently received the Order of Canada as a world leader in the mining industry and as a philanthropist who supported a number of hospitals in the Toronto area as well as kidney cancer research and the University of New Brunswick. The West Bathurst Cemetery also received a generous donation for the Endowment Fund and an article about his philanthropy was in our Easter Newsletter. He will be buried at West Bathurst Cemetery next to his wife and mother.

UCW Open Circle Members will hold a business meeting Monday, May 16th at 1:30 PM in the Ruth Morrison Room.

Community News

Central United Church in Clifton will be having their Annual Lobster Supper as a TAKE OUT ONLY, on Saturday, May 14, 2021 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. There are a limited number of tickets this year, so they will be sold on a first come-first served basis. Tickets are \$25 per person and include one lobster, potato salad, coleslaw, pickles, a roll and dessert. You will have your choice of having the lobster included in the shell or already shelled. If you do not specify when getting your ticket, your lobster will be shelled. For tickets please call Lois Archibald at 548-8927

Parish of New Bandon in Clifton - LOBSTER TAKE-OUT SUPPER –, June 4, 2022. Tickets \$25 for adults - \$12.50 for children under 12. Tickets sold in advance. For tickets phone Kay Addison (350-0960), Darlene Dempsey (546-6997) or Elaine Good (546-2970). Suppers to be picked up between 3PM and 4:30 PM.

*Mother's Day Flowers
have been donated*



In Loving Memory of

Our Mothers, **Ella Lewis** and **Sarah Moore**
from Blair & Ruth Lewis

Our Mothers, **Vera Cameron** and **Betty Gammon**
from Peter & Edie

Laura Parrott from Brenda Parrott & Dave Morison

Emily Wiseman and **Dot Clouston** from Isabel & John

Our mothers, **Sue Palmer** and **Margaret Watt** from Neal & Jini

Margaret (Mum) Scott, **Gladys Branch** and
Aunt Wanda Glendenning from Lela, Percy & family

Lois Gammon and **Agnes Murphy** from Brian & Bev

My **mother, grandmothers, aunts** and **step-mother**;
"gone but never forgotten" from Margaret Payne-Chenard

My mother, **Myrtle Kierstead** and wife **Vivien** from Mike

Our mom, **Alice** from the Jagoe family

Ruth Branch and **Sara Eddy** from Elizabeth & Gary Branch

Emma McLean and **Grace Miller** from Eldie & Nora

Our Mothers, **Winifred Hierlihy** and **Emma Mullin**
from Blake & Kathy

Mother, **Sarah McLean** and Mum, **Cecile La Pointe**
by Alice & family

Dorothy and **Helen** from Cheryl & Dave Brewster

Mother, **Alice Babin** from Bernice Jardine

Velma Ronalds, Annie Jago, Francis Ronalds and all other
mothers past and present from Yvon & Gayle

Mother's, **Phyllis Wiseman** and **Lillian Murphy**
from Cheryl & Gordon

Our mother and grandmother **Vivian Howatt**, from the family

Our mother **Isalee Dempsey** and sister **Elaine Scott**
from the Dempsey Family

Our mother **Violet Smyth** from Nancy & Sharon

My mothers, **Maude Hierlihy** and **Anna McCallum**
from Dorothy Ann

Our mother and grandmother **Sadie Cormier**
from Wayne, Phyllis & family

Our mothers, **Agnes Fowlie** and **Vera Godfrey**
from Archie & Jean

Our mothers **Evelyn Russell** and **Dora Carroll**
from Clara & Wayne
and our daughter, **Melissa Carroll**, with love, Mom & Dad

Our mothers, **Edith Payne** and **Florence Scott**
from Peggy & Francis

Debra Oliver from Ian & family

My mother **Mildred Archibald** (1991), and mother-in-law **Stella
MacLaggan** (1966) from Isabel MacLaggan

All mothers and especially our mothers, **Mary Hare** and **Stella
Norton** by Helen & Harvey Norton

Wynne Sullivan and **Fran Barbery** from Bob & Beth

In Honour of

Rita Brown from the family

Eileen Jagoe from Margaret & Mike

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ACTS 9:36-43 *(New Revised Standard Version)*

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

THE 23RD PSALM

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said She won't forsake me,
I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil,
And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me,
All the days of my life,
And I will live in her house,
Forever, forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter,
And to the Holy of Holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World, without end. Amen.

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