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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 John 14:23-29	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26
<i>We welcome Wayne Lord who is leading us in worship today – Thank you!</i>	
<i>We welcome John & Isabel Clouston as our vocalists and thank them for their gift of music</i>	
Today's bulletin is placed in loving memory of Fran & Elmer Daley by Glen & Joyce	

*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

As we prepare ourselves for worship, we light the Christ Candle reminding us that Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The Christ Candle is lit.

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP "This Is the Day"

MV # 122

***This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad!***
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we will rejoice and be glad!***
***Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,
singing hal-le-lu! We will rejoice and be glad!***
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singing hal-le-lu! We will rejoice and be glad!***

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Let the peoples praise you, O God

Let all the peoples praise you

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy

For you judge the peoples with equity

The earth has yielded its increase

God, our God, has blessed us

GATHERING PRAYER *(responsively)*

Gracious God, we come together in joy and gladness, thankful for bringing us together as a community of disciples. You have made each of us as individuals and we are grateful for the presence of everyone here today. Those we have known our whole lives and those we haven't yet met.

Help us to be open to your word and your will as we worship together.

Amen

***GATHERING HYMN** – “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” VU # 509

I, The Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

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

Margaret Payne-Chénard & Margaret Daniels

***SINGING A SONG** – “Friend to Friend” *Seasons of the Spirit V7*

Let us now as God's own people,
give the sign of peace,
proclaiming our love for one another,
binding friend to friend.

(Chorus)

*Christ Jesus calls us to love one another,
to be one in him, friend to friend,
in love to each other, we shall give our hands.*

In our care for one another,
by each kindly word,
by ev'ry loving deed,
we make known the love of Jesus Christ.

(Chorus)

We feed the hungry,
clothe the naked,
give drink to those who thirst,
for Jesus came in love as a servant and we follow him.

(Chorus)

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gary Branch

Acts 16:9-15

John 14:23-29

REFLECTION - "Allan Buckingham"

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV # 161

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

**As we bring our gifts, loving God, with humility and joy,
receive us with kindness and delight,
as a loving mother receives the gifts her little child
and as a kind father delights in his growing offspring.
May our gifts bring you delight and serve to share your
love with all our brothers and sisters.**

Amen

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 Spirit people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** –

VU #424

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

*Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed.

Refrain

***BLESSING** *(responsively)*

...Go and extend God's circle of love. Go and offer a healing touch to
the world. Go and celebrate the Spirit's presence in all.

**Okay. Our eyes have been opened and we're filled with new
visions of the way. Now, all that remains, is for us to register
what we see, and then follow where the Spirit leads.**

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 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 Monday, May 23rd for Victoria Day.

Peanut Butter Update - As of May 19th, 2022, 140 jars of Peanut Butter has been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center and \$1,050 in cash donations has allowed us to purchase 218 jars that have been dropped off directly at the Centre. Peanut butter can be dropped off at the church office anytime during office hours. We have an additional \$40+ collected for the next group purchase.

Ways & Means Team will meet on **Tuesday**, May 24th at 9:00 AM in the Ruth Morrison Room.

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 3 deliveries have been made to Passage House & were received with gratitude.

Passage House currently has sufficient toys for children, but would appreciate books in both languages. They always need hand sanitizer along with baby supplies (wipes/diapers/shampoo/etc.). Thank you again.

An invitation from our Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region:

Stroll For Your Soul – May 14 – June 3, 2022 offers 21 days of accompaniment through a brief email delivered early each morning to your inbox. Each email will offer a practice, or a reflection, or a video, or a photograph giving direction and encouragement to your time spent strolling (or rolling, skateboarding or running.) The Stroll emails will help you notice the glories of the Divine present in Spring. They offer practice at paying attention and being in the present moment. Weave silence and mindful reflection into your daily walk around the neighborhood or even over to a door or window to look out with intention. Our 2022 Theme is “Weathering Our Days.” For information on an Individual or Group subscription, please visit the Prayer Bench Shop <https://prayerbench.ca/shop/>

Church News

All UCW members are invited to join in the **Miramichi Presbyterial Executive Meeting** scheduled to be held in the gymnasium here at the Donald Eddy Hall on Saturday, May 28th at 10AM. If you are planning on attending please bring a bagged lunch. There will be several tables set up to ensure social distancing between groups of people.

As Bev outlined in the May 8th “Minute for Mission”, **Gifts with Vision - the United Church’s giving catalogue** - has just unveiled its latest gifts to help Ukraine. A gift of \$25 will provide a hygiene package containing items like toothpaste, laundry detergent & disinfectant. A \$38 gift provides a food basket with staples such as cooking oil, buckwheat, canned fish, dried peas and condensed milk. Please visit Gifts with Vision webpage https://giftswithvision.ca/products/support-refugees-from-ukraine?_pos=1&_sid=f0a31fc75&_ss=r or by calling 1-844-715-7969.

Community News

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

ACTS 16:9-15

9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

The Conversion of Lydia

11 We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,

12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

13 On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.

15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

JOHN 14:23-29

23 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.

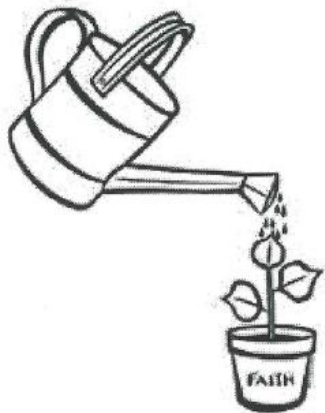
27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.



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