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Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17, (25-27)
<i>We welcome Helen Knowles 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>	

*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 & CALL TO WORSHIP

(responsively)

One: The Christ Candle reminds us that Jesus is God's gift of love to us.

All: And that in Him, the light of love triumphs over any darkness in our lives. *The Christ Candle is lit.*

One: We are called to be the church, to love God & serve others.

All: We gather as sisters & brothers in Christ, praising God, embracing each other in God's love, committed to acting out that love in the world.

One: We offer our worship to God, trusting that we will become the church, God dreams we can be.

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP "This Is the Day" MV # 122

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

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** – "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" VU #232

Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY *(in unison)*

**Loving God, we come acknowledging our closed mindedness.
You have opened doors of opportunity
and we have chosen to ignore them.
You have offered new insights
and we have closed our ears and minds.
Forgive our contentment & open our hearts more fully
to your will for our lives & for our church.
Amen.**

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 - "Helping Others"

***SINGING A SONG**

VU #579

"The Church is Wherever God's People"

The church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing God's goodness for the joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
Remember his story and walk in his way

The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbors in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the bible in gift and in deed.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Brooke Knowles

John 6:1-14

REFLECTION - "In Loving Partnership"

Interspersed through the message – VU #575 vs. #1

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

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC - "Hands Shaped Like A Cradle"

John & Isabel Clouston

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

**Generous God, we thank you for the opportunity,
to not only receive your gifts,
but also for the privilege of being your gifts
to each other and the world.
Receive our offerings, we pray.
Through them & through us,
bless your world. Amen.**

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

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 #593
"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

*Refrain:
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

*Refrain:
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

Neighbors are rich-----and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbours are near----and far----away.

Refrain

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all----are neighbors to us----and you.

Refrain

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live----with you.

Refrain

BLESSING

***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 summer church office hours are now in effect – open Monday to Thursday – 9 AM to 3 PM. The office will be closed on Fridays until after the Labour Day weekend.

Thank You: The Ways and Means team would like to express a sincere thank you to all who helped in anyway with our Take-Out Ham & Scallop Potato Supper. Because of the generous sponsorship of McDonalds Restaurant – Bathurst, the Ways and Means team realized a profit of approximately \$4,390.00. The next Ways and Means team event will be held in September – the BBQ Beef Supper.

Hospitality Time after church will resume next Sunday, June 5th in the Ruth Morrison Room. Please bring your own mug due to COVID 19 and to assist with being environmental friendly.

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 4 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.

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.

St. George's Anglican Church, 432 King Avenue, will be holding **"A Family and Community Breakfast"** on Saturday, June 11th from 8 AM to 10 AM. Come and enjoy fellowship and great food. Free-will offering at the door.

YARD SALE - St. George's Anglican Church Parking Lot, 432 King Avenue on **Saturday June 18th from 8 AM – 12 PM**
Rain Date is June 25th

SCRIPTURE READINGS – NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

JOHN 6:1-14

Feeding the Five Thousand

1 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.

2 A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"

6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,

9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"

10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."

13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."