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

Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:13-25 Luke 9:51-62	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
Today's bulletin is in honor of Isabel MacLaggan , who will be celebrating her 92nd birthday on Tuesday, June 28 th , placed by "The Ladies CH Badminton Group"	

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE & CALL TO WORSHIP

(responsively)

...As we light this candle, may it remind us of the Sacred Fire.

The Christ Candle is lit.

...You are the Great Mystery that pulses through all life.

Your great heart beats within us like the beat of the drum.

With all creation, we gather to sing and to offer praise.

We come to receive the stories and to remember our ancestors in faith.

Let our spirits dance before you with hearts and minds as one.

May Jesus journey with us!

Thanks be to God!

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP – "Wind is Moving" (*Seasons of the Spirit vol. 1*)

*Wind is moving over water,
patterns shifting out across the bay.
Grass is bending on the hillside;
clouds are drifting right across the sky.
O Holy Spirit, move over all our lives.
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GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** – "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom" – MV #10

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words and right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY *(responsively)*

...when the gifts seem thin, and we feel we can't find the way,

whisper your presence, Holy One.

...when the world is tough and our calling even tougher,

whisper your presence, Holy One.

...may we find a new daring within our souls,

whisper your presence, Holy One.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

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

Luke 9:59-61

***SINGING A SONG** – "Sweetgrass and Candle" *(by John Oldham)*

Sweetgrass and candle, the peace pipe and bible,
the stories of elders and beat of the drum;
these are the symbols of hope, faith and justice.
We gather in circle affirming we're one.

Welcome the stranger for he is our brother
and she is our sister of mother earth.
Care for creation for all life is sacred
and we are united by vision's rebirth.

Join in the circle that will have no ending,
for we are all equal and loved in God's sight.
Praise the Great Spirit! We gather as family
to sing of Love's freedom and dance with delight!

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Care for creation for all life is sacred
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ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wayne Lord

Luke 9:51-62

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

MESSAGE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – "This Path We Walk"
(previously recorded July 5, 2020 at First United)

Emma Vickers

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

**Liberating One, we're set free
so we can bind ourselves to the way of love.
Enable us, we pray, to live in the Spirit.
And may the spiritual fruits increase
within and among us:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
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** – “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” – VU #684

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

Refrain

*O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Refrain

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

***BLESSING**

***CHORAL CLOSING** – “May the God of Peace” – MV #224

***May the God of peace and of all good,
may the God of peace and of all good
be always with you. Amen!
May God's peace be with you. Amen!***

(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 – closed on Friday.

Peanut Butter Update - As of June 23th, 2022, 171 jars of Peanut Butter has been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center and \$1,180 in cash donations has allowed us to purchase 234 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 \$125+ collected for the next group purchase. **Our goal is 900 jars for the year** and we currently have 405.

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.

Ways & Means Team will meet on Monday, June 27th at 9:00 AM in the Ruth Morrison Room.

Community Outreach Team will meet on Tuesday, June 28th at 10:00 AM in the Ruth Morrison Room.

Community News

The Pabineau First Nation hosts an annual Pow-wow which is held at the "Flying Eagle Memorial Pow-wow Grounds" on July 8th to July 10th. The public is welcome to join the festivities and are encouraged to join hundreds of Indigenous people as they joyfully celebrate their Indigenous culture. This public event is free to attend and, as always, an "alcohol and drug-free" event. For more information see the following website:

<https://pabineaufirstnation.ca/index.php/about/our-community/visit-pfn/pow-wow/>

St. George's Anglican Church will be hosting the Hospitality Days Breakfast on Saturday, July 16th from 8:00 – 10:00 AM. Tickets will be sold in advance at \$ 8.00 for Adults and \$ 4.00 for children under 12. To get your tickets contact the Church Office at 546-3225



SCRIPTURE READINGS (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Luke 9:51-62

51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival,

53 but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

54 When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

55 But he turned and rebuked them.

56 Then they went on to another village.

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

60 And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home."

62 And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

1 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

10 He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

13 He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

14 He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

May God bless to our understanding these significant parts of our Christian story...