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Bathurst Pastoral Charge
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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:1-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
<i>We welcome Linda Knowles MacPherson as today's guest musician and thank her for sharing her 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

***NATIONAL ANTHEM** – “O Canada” – VU #524

***O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.***

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE *(responsively)*

Creator and Creating One,

in a time of change and confusion,

we need a source of unwavering light.

In a time of transition and change,

we need a light to show us the way.

May the light of Christ be that light for every one of us.

May it shine in our hearts forever.

The Christ Candle is lit.

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP - “Praise to the Lord” – VU #835

***Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.
Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun—may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!***

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Moses said to God, “I am slow of speech and slow of tongue...”

but God sent him anyway.

Jeremiah said, “I am just a boy...”

but God spoke through him anyway.

Mary was perplexed by the angel's visit,

but God still invited her to be Jesus' mother.

God invites us to understand that we have gifts and are needed:
whether old or young; tired or energetic; quick or slow.

Whoever we are, however we are,

we hear the call, Holy One, and we have come.

GATHERING PRAYER (*responsively*)

Creator and Creating One...

we come to you, for we need healing.

We come to you, for we need teaching.

We come to you, for we need leading.

As we gather, as we sing, as we pray, as we listen, as we speak:

**may we open ourselves to your solace,
your blessing, and your word.**

Amen

***GATHERING HYMN** – “Open My Eyes, That I May See” – VU #371

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

CHORAL RESPONSE – “How Deep the Peace” – MV #95

***How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed.***

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

May the God of love and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

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

Margaret Payne-Chénard & Rev. Neal

Luke 10:1-5

***SINGING A SONG** – “I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy”

Text: George W. Cooke

Tune: I’VE GOT THE JOY, Irregular; George W. Cooke

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

I’ve got the peace that passes understanding,
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I’ve got the peace that passes understanding,
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Cheryl Brewster

Luke 10:1-11

2 Kings 5:1-14

MESSAGE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “Hymn to Freedom”

Linda Knowles MacPherson

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pat MacIntosh

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER *(in unison)

**Your generosity, Holy One,
calls for us to respond.**

**In this place, we offer a portion of our treasure,
our talents, our time... even our very selves.**

**Please bless these offerings, we pray,
and use them to further your work among us,
our community of faith, and the world.**

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 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 – “The Servant Song/We Are Pilgrims” – VU #595**

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

***BLESSING**

***CHORAL CLOSING** – “When You Walk from Here” – VU #298

***When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.***

(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. The office will also be closed on Monday, July 4th in lieu of Canada Day.

We are looking for volunteers to be Greeters for July, August and September. If you don't feel you can commit for the whole month, then 2 weeks would be appreciated. Please contact Margaret at the church office (506-546-3532) to arrange dates you would be available. We are also in need of Counters for the month of August. Thank you in advance for your consideration of coverage of these duties.

Peanut Butter Update - As of June 30th, 2022, 177 jars of Peanut Butter has been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. **Our goal is 900 jars for the year** and we currently have **411** including what has been purchased with monetary donations.

Church News

Thank you to our volunteers in June:

Counters –Anne Brooks and Wayne Cormier; **Greeters** – Gary Branch, Alice McLean and Gayle Ferron; **Minute for Mission** – Bev Murphy; **Scripture Readers** – Brooke Knowles, Cheryl Brewster, Carter Lavigne and Wayne Lord; **Vocalists** – John and Isabel Clouston; **Sharing a Story** – Margaret Payne-Chénard & Jini Palmer; Chelsey MacLaggan, Mya Brewster & Addison MacLaggan and Anne Wilson & Helen Knowles; **Sound System** –Ralph Jamieson and Charles Ramsey and **Videographer** – Don Eddy as well as to Josh Gammon for uploading our services to the website and Facebook.

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 10:1-11

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

2 He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.

4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.

5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!"

6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;

9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,

11 "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

2 KINGS 5:1-14

1 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.

2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.

3 She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

4 So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.

5 And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments.

6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!"

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

13 But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'"

14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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