

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

PRAYER OF HUMILITY: *(in unison)*

**Loving God, we acknowledge that in the busy lives we live,
opportunities for outreach have been missed. Where we
have failed to show your way to others, where we have seen
your way as too costly & where we have chosen not to do the
right thing in favour of the easy thing, God forgive us. You
know the compromises we have made for our gain or our
convenience. Forgive us & restore us to faithfulness. Amen.**

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)*

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY: Busy or Not?

***SINGING A SONG :** "Jesus, Friend of Little Children" VU # 340

Jesus, friend of little children,
let me be one too;
take my hand, and ever keep me
close to you. -3-

Teach me how to grow in goodness,
daily as I grow.
You have been a child, and surely
you must know.

Never leave me, nor forsake me;
ever be my friend;
for I need you, from life's dawning
to its end.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 10: 38-42

Jesus Visits Mary & Martha

Brooke Knowles

REFLECTION: Taking Time Out

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

**Generous God, bless all that we offer. Bless the outreach
ministries of First United Church & those of the United Church
of Canada, through the Mission & Service Fund. May our gifts
bring healing & life to others. Amen**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(in unison)*

VU #921

**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 God's people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN: "Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name" VU # 426

Saviour, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we give you thanks before our worship cease,
then, in the silence hear your word of peace.

Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
with you began, with you shall end the day;
guard now the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon your name.

Grant us your peace throughout the coming night;
turn all our darkness to your perfect light;
then, through our sleep, our hope and strength renew,
for dark and light are both alike to you.

Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,
comfort in sorrow, courage in our strife;
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, at last, to your eternal peace.

*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 August 4th 2022, 195 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 **429** including what has been purchased with monetary donations.

Purses Plus – UPDATE – Deliveries, on your behalf to Passage House, have been received with gratitude. Later, in the fall, they will provide a list of supplies, most needed by their clients. In the interim, we may donate gift cards, such as Tim Hortons or Dollarama. Thank you again for your generous donations.

Donald Eddy Hall Kitchen – There are several Tupperware, plastic and other assorted containers that belong to various members of the church. If you're missing a container please feel free to come to the church office during business hours and check if you have one (or more) here.

Luke 10:38-42

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him.^[a] ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's^[b] feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one.^[c] Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."



