

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Job 38:1-18 Psalm 104:1-9, 24-26 Ephesians 1:3-10 Luke 5:1-11	Job 39:1-8, 26-30 Psalm 104:14-23 1 Corinthians 1:10-23 Luke 12:22-31
Today's bulletin has been placed in loving memory of <i>Stephen McLean</i> <i>Sadly missed by the family</i>	
<i>We welcome Isabel & John Clouston, today's vocalists, and thank them for the beautiful 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 *(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

MV #41

"O Beautiful Gaia"

Refrain:

O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home.

O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.

Soil yielding its harvest, O Gaia, calling us home.

Soil yielding its harvest, calling us on.

Refrain:

O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home.

O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN:**

MV #135

"Called by Earth and Sky"

Refrain

***Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.***

***This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.***

***Called by earth and sky,
called by earth and sky.***

Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dreams, waters of healing,
rivers of rain, the wash of love again.

Refrain
Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.
Called by earth and sky,
called by earth and sky.

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.

Precious these mountains,
ancient sands; vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.

Refrain

Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

CHORAL RESPONSE "Don't Be Afraid" MV #90

Don't be afraid.
My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid.
My love is stronger and I have promised,
promised to be always near.

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

May the God of peace be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY (*with those of all ages*)
Margaret Payne-Chénard & Cheryl Brewster

Luke 14:25-27, 33

SINGING A SONG "Wind is Moving" (2x)
Season of the Spirit Volume 1 page 30

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.
O Holy Spirit, move over all our lives.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Sandra Boone*

Job 38:1-18

Luke 5:1-11

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC *John & Isabel Clouston*

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Bev Murphy*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

We dedicate ourselves anew, Holy One,
to the privilege of caring for Creation.
As we bring our gifts of money and time to our worship life,
help us bring new understanding of Creation's pain to our
everyday lives too.

Bless us, that we might take the depths of the seas and the power of the churning oceans into our day-to-day realities with more compassion and concern.

Help us affirm, in all we do, that we are called to be good stewards of it all.

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**

VU #563

"Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain

*O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.*

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
—you will find there my nets and labor.

Refrain

*O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.*

You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

Refrain

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

Refrain

***BLESSING**

***CHORAL CLOSING**

"Take Up His Song"

MV #213

Take up his song of peace and go into the world.
Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in peace, lay them down, and take up his song.

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

POSTLUDE

Church News

Regular office hours are back in effect –

Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Peanut Butter Update - As of September 1st, 2022, 220 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 **510** including what has been purchased with monetary donations.

TAKE OUT BBQ Beef Supper will be held on Thursday, September 15th from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Tickets will be available starting August 22nd - **\$17** for adults and **\$6** for children. As there are a limited number of tickets they will be sold on a first come-first served basis. Please contact a member of the *Ways & Means Committee* or drop by the church office. **Sponsored by Hatheway Auto Group**

There will be a musical hour featuring The Treble Makers held at First United Church, on Friday, September 23rd, starting at 2 PM. There will be no admission fee, however, a goodwill offering towards the life and work of First United Church and/or a donation of a jar of peanut butter for the local food bank would be very much appreciated. The group will play a variety of music including songs such as: "Sentimental Journey", "I'll Fly Away", "Five Foot Two", "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", "Mansion Over the Hilltop", lively jigs, etc.

Please join us for this ***Peanut Butter* and *Jam*** session ☺

Masks encouraged but are not mandatory.

Bathurst Pastoral Council Team will meet on Tuesday, September 6th at 7 PM in the Donald Eddy Hall gymnasium to allow for social distancing. An email with the agenda has been forwarded to the team members.

Return of our choir!! – After a long 2 ½ years we are hoping to have our choir *back in the loft* for services beginning September 11th. The first choir practice will be on **Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 PM.** Masks ☺ are not mandatory, but may be worn if individuals wish, and may be encouraged if cases rise in the community. All choir members are expected to have at least 3 COVID-19 vaccinations and only attend if feeling well and symptom-free.

Church News

Thank you to our volunteers in August:

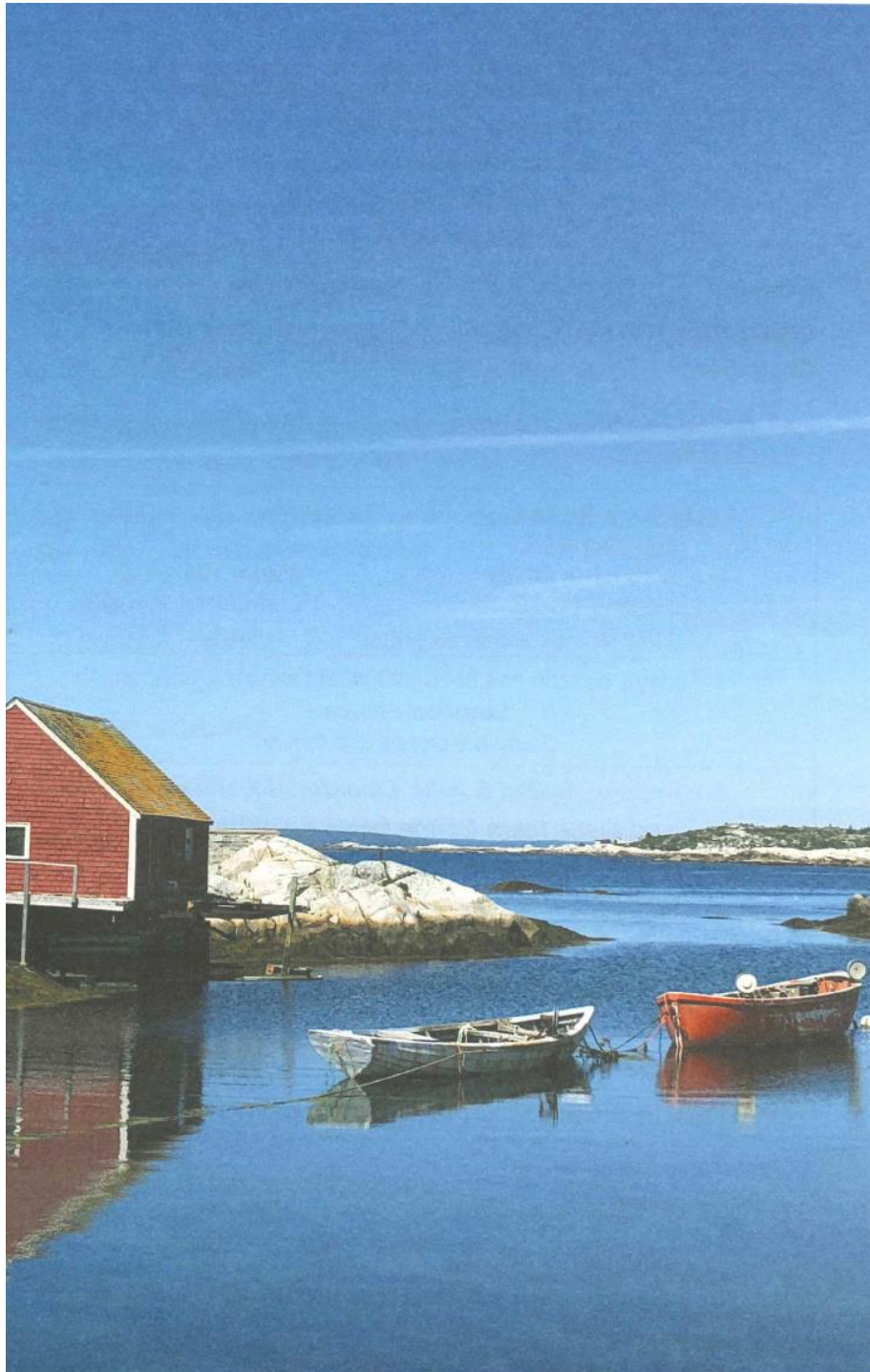
Counters –Bev Murphy and David Cumming; **Greeters** – Beth Sullivan, Charles Ramsey, Dave and Cheryl Brewster; **Minute for Mission** –Bev Murphy; **Scripture Readers** – Brooke Knowles, Gary Branch, Isabel MacLaggan and Anne Brooks; **Vocalists** – John and Isabel Clouston; **Sharing a Story** – Margaret Payne-Chénard, Wayne Lord, Margaret Daniels, Jini Palmer and Mike Kierstead; **Sound System** – Brenda Parrott, Ralph Jamieson and Charles Ramsey and **Videographer** – Don Eddy as well as to Josh Gammon for uploading our services to the website and Facebook.

HELP! - During the back-to-school season, the Community Outreach Sub Team invites you to contribute lunch bags (suitable for K to gr 8) & back packs (any age) for needy students. Donations may be left in narthex. For more information, contact Audrey Ronalds (543-2225) of Community Schools.

Community News

"Help Lesotho" Calendars - The Anglophone School District – North has been sponsoring "Help Lesotho" since 2006 as part of its global awareness initiative. As a fundraiser where all of the money raised goes to help finance its work with orphans, vulnerable children, and grandmothers in Lesotho, Africa; "Help Lesotho" has 2023 calendars for sale at a cost of \$15.00. You are invited to support this initiative with your donation. Gary Branch (546-9208) (egbranch@rogers.com) will be taking orders for these calendars until October 10, 2022. Payment can be made in advance by cash or cheque or when the calendars are delivered in November. Cheques are to be made payable to "Help Lesotho".

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



SCRIPTURE READINGS *(New Revised Standard Version)*

JOB 38:1-18

1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Gird up your loins like a man; I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

7 when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

9 when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

10 and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

11 and said, 'Thus far shall you come and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?

12 "Have you commanded the morning since your days began and caused the dawn to know its place,

13 so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?

14 It is changed like clay under the seal, and it is dyed like a garment.

15 Light is withheld from the wicked, and their uplifted arm is broken.

16 "Have you entered into the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?

17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

18 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(New Revised Standard Version)*

LUKE 5:1-11

1 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,

2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

5 Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.

7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken;

10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.