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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14
The bulletin today has been placed in loving memory of Betty & Blair Chamberlain and grandson Bradley Chamberlain by the family & in loving memory of Vivian Howatt by the family	
We welcome Helen Knowles who is leading us in worship today – Thank you!	

*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: Leaves have changed color
 & drift downward in cooler breezes.

**All: Yet, God is present in the chill of autumn;
 God is alive in the dawning of each new day.**

One: We move through the changing seasons
 And experience each in its time.

**All: This is God's world, with songs & sounds
 life & light, change & growth.**

One: We rejoice in God, our Creator.

All: We rejoice in the God who is faithfully with us.

One: Let us worship God!

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP - "Find A Home Here"

***Find a home here, live out faith here,
 gather strength here, find fam'ly here.
 Be yourself here, feel secure here,
 celebrate here, be at home here.***



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GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN –** VU #220
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation!
O my soul, praise Him, all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen how all you needed has been
met by God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who out of love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again;
Gladly with praise we adore Him.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY *(in unison)*

Loving God, we acknowledge our need to follow Jesus more closely. We have failed to do or say that which could support & encourage others. Forgive us when we have failed to seize these opportunities & enable us to be more willing to provide outreach in our neighborhoods & communities.

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)*

May the God of peace be with you all.

And also with you.

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

***SINGING A SONG –** VU #570
"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you,
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Jennifer Oliver

Mark 1:29-39

REFLECTION The Compassion of Jesus

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – "The Servant Song"

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IS BROUGHT FORWARD

***OFFERING HYMN** – “For the Gift of Creation” – VU #538

*For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.*

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

Holy one, we give our brightest smiles, our best singing & our best thoughts. We give that we may have love for one another in the Spirit’s presence. Bless our gifts that the earth may regenerate & our earth neighbours will have enough for life.

Amen.

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** – “Walk with Me”

VU #649

Refrain:

*Walk with me, I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
Where love shines through.*

When Moses heard the call of God
he said, Lord, don’t send me.”
But God told Moses, “You’re the one
to set my people free.”

Refrain

Now Peter was a most unlikely
man to lead the flock;
but Jesus knew his holiness
and he became the Rock.

Refrain

Young Mary Magdalene was sure

her life could be much more,
and by her faith she dared to let
God’s love unlock the door.

Refrain

And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you.

Refrain

***BLESSING**

***CHORAL CLOSING – “As We Now Go”**

(Seasons of the Spirit Songbook vol. 6)

***As we go now from this moment,
as we leave behind our time together.
May we walk with one another,
may we help each other on the way.***

***As we go now from this moment,
as we go into the future together.
May we treasure one another,
may we realize how precious we are.***

***May we realize how precious we are.
May we realize how precious we are.***

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

POSTLUDE



Annual Remembrance Service - Each year, on the Sunday immediately prior to Remembrance Day, we honour our war veterans as well as those who lost their lives in war. Our Remembrance Service will be held Sunday, November 6th. Those wishing to place memorial crosses in the sanctuary are reminded to contact the Legion office no later than **November 2nd** either by telephone 546-3135 or drop by the Legion located at 1220 Bridge Street between 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon.

***Thank you for supporting our veterans
and the Legion.***



The crosses will be placed in the church on Thursday, November 3rd.

Church News

This Week at First United October 17th to 22nd

Monday	9:00-11:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH GYM
Wednesday	9:00-11:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH GYM
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice

Church office hours – Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Peanut Butter Update – As of October 13th, 2022, 304 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 **594** including what has been purchased with monetary donations.

Sunday School begins today for an eight week rotation, ending with the White Gift service December 4th.

Welcome to Ukulele Church! Ukulele Church welcomes YOU to join on Sundays at 12:30pm Atlantic starting on September 11, 2022!

Ukulele Church is a 75-minute ONLINE (Zoom) Sunday worship time for children and all ages. It brings together Music, Ukulele Teaching, Biblical Storytelling, Art, Play and Liturgy, following a rhythm of Celebration – Contemplation – Devotion with Linnea Good, Catherine Stuart and Nancy Callbeck. Absolutely no ukulele or church experience necessary! If you have questions, email cstuart@united-church.ca. To register, check out our website <https://ukulelechurch.com/>. We cannot wait to see you! See our invitation at the following link – https://www.youtube.com/supported_browsers?next_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DXiww6q6xQvc

The Nominations Team is looking for individual/individuals who are willing to coordinate the Mission & Service program. The United Church Mission & Service Team emails the following months suggested readings for each weekly service. If you are interested, or know of someone who is interested in volunteering, please contact Rick Watling to discuss 543-0053. We would like to thank Bev Murphy for her many years of service to Mission & Service work for First United Church.

Church News

Hospitality Time after church has resumed in the Ruth Morrison Room. The Friendship Team is looking for individuals to prepare the room each Sunday prior to the service which includes covering the tables with tablecloths, setting up the coffee and tea pots, putting out water, juice, napkins and other condiments and clean-up afterward. Please see the weekly volunteer sign-up sheet in on the bulletin board in the Ruth Morrison Room.

Announcement from United Church of Canada:

40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

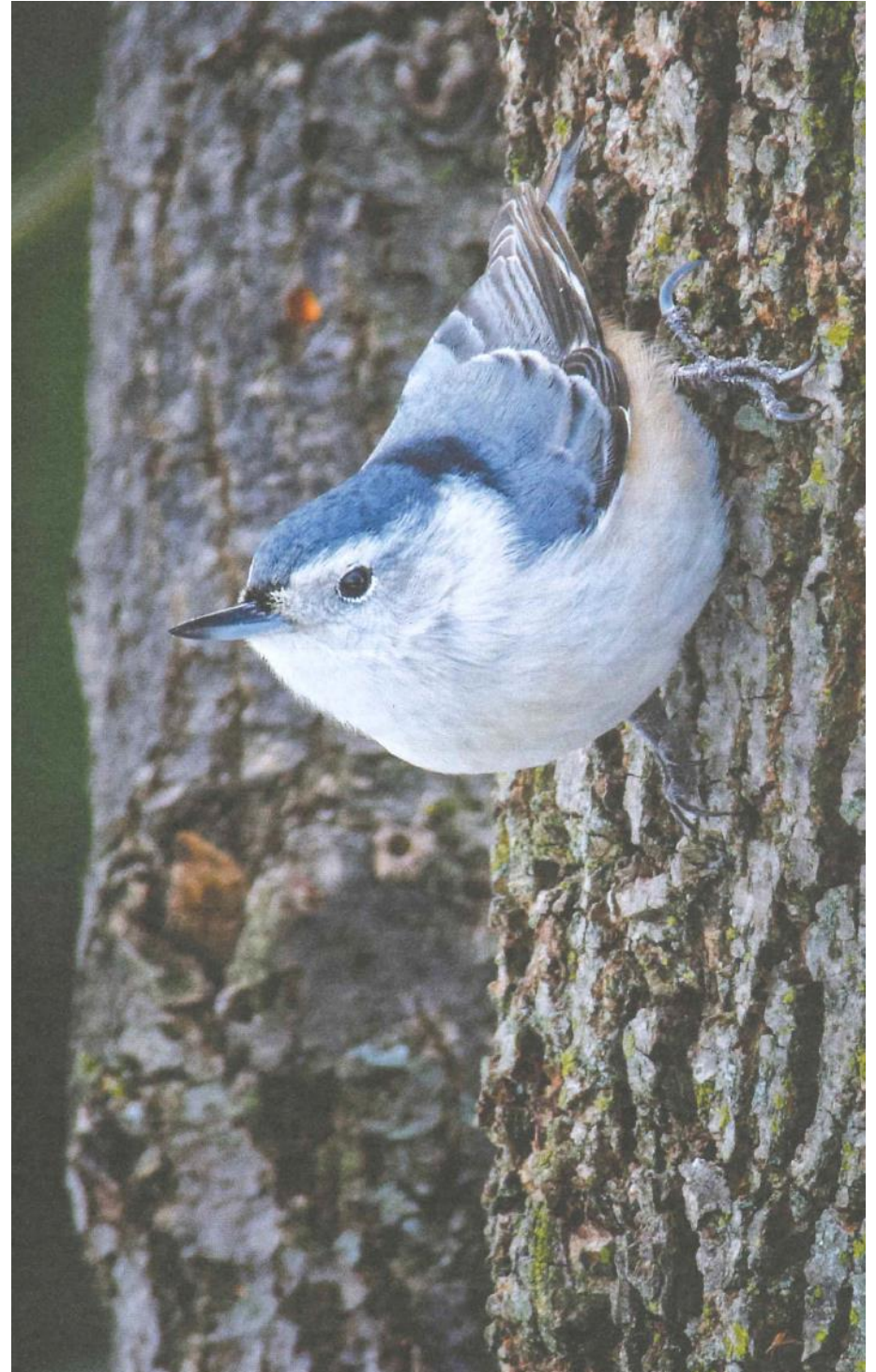
It all starts on October 11 and runs until November 27. Here's how you can participate, go to <https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism> to learn about the following:

- Read the daily written reflections at <https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism>
- Be part of a 40 Days Live Event.
- Buy a book addressing anti-racism.
- Subscribe to the 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism newsletter.

There are many other ways to engage—choose what works best for you!

Community News

Gloucester Chapter IODE Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, October 22nd from 11 AM to 4 PM in the Bathurst High School cafeteria.



SCRIPTURE READING *(New Revised Standard Version)*

MARK 1:29-39

Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.

31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

32 That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons.

33 And the whole city was gathered around the door.

34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

A Preaching Tour in Galilee

35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do."

39 And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.