

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10
The flowers in our sanctuary and bulletin today have been placed <i>in loving memory of Betty [Branch] Lavigne</i> by Judy, Macky and Jennifer	

*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

...We light the Christ candle to remind us we aren't to hide the light of Christ under a bushel basket or within the walls of a church building, but to take it out into the world so everyone will know and experience God's love, peace, and justice.

The Christ Candle is lit.

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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CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** – "Worship the Lord"

VU #401
(Verses 1-3 & 5)

Refrain:

*Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!*

Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one!

Refrain

Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one!

Refrain

Called to be partners with God in creation,
honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice,
worship and work must be one!

Refrain:

*Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!*

Now in response to the life you are giving,
help us, O Father, to offer our living,
seeking a just and a healing society,
worship and work must be one!

Refrain

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

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*)

Jini Palmer & Mike Kierstead

Luke 18:9-10

***SINGING A SONG** – “Jesus Loves Me” – VU #365

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee,
Saying, “Let them come to me.”
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Judy Losier

Luke 18:9-14

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC - “In the Quiet Curve of Evening”

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pat MacIntosh

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)*

**Many of us, Holy One,
have been blessed beyond measure.
Help us, then, to remember those in need
and be willing to share.
When we are the ones in need, though,
help *US* be willing to receive.
We recognize that giving and receiving
represent two aspects of one thing: love.
May we, then, be love and *BE* loved.
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 kindom 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 kindom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as Spirit people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – VU #639
"One More Step Along the World I Go"

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the work I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:

Refrain:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:

Refrain

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:

Refrain

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is touch,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:

Refrain

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along 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.***

Church News

*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

Church News



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](tel: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.

This Week at First United October 24th to 28th

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 20th, 2022, 310 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 **600** including what has been purchased with monetary donations.

Rev. Neal will be on Continuing Education leave from Tuesday, October 25th through to Monday, October 31st. Rev. Sue White will be covering for any pastoral care emergencies. She can be reached by calling 547-5745.

TAKE OUT Turkey Supper will be held on Thursday, November 24th from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Tickets are \$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.

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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.

Community News

Central United Church in Clifton will be having a Roast Pork Take-Out Supper and a Bake Sale, on Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets please call Lois Archibald at 548-8927 or Diane Ellis at 546-6028.

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, 395 Murray Avenue, will host a "used book sale" on October 29 beginning at 8:30 AM. Many genres - fiction and non-fiction - Christian, devotional, cook books, crafts, biographies, Canadian authors etc. All proceeds go to support community outreach and food security programs.

A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST will be held at St. George's Church, 432 King Avenue, on **Saturday, November 12th from 8:00 – 10:00 AM.** Come and enjoy fellowship and great food - Free will offering at the door. There will also be a Bake and Craft Sale at the same time.

SCRIPTURE READING *(New Revised Standard Version)*

LUKE 18:9-14

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

