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Bathurst Pastoral Charge
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<p>Lectionary for today Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10</p>	<p>Lectionary for next Sunday Haggai 1:15b—2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38</p>
<p>We welcome Helen Knowles who is leading us in worship today – Thank you!</p>	

*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: We light this candle to remind us

All: that the shadows do not last forever.

One: The Light of Christ is still there,

All: even when we cannot see it.

The Christ Candle is lit.

One: We are called to be the church,

All: to love God and serve others.

One: And so, we have gathered as brothers & sisters in Christ

All: to once more, worship in joy, in hope & in gratitude.

One: We are not alone.

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** – "Come, Let Us Sing"

VU #222

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY *(in unison)*

**God, we realize that sometimes we close
our hearts and minds to others.
We overlook the needs of our neighbors
and turn a blind eye to problems
in Canada and overseas.
We feel that we are helpless
And there is nothing we can do.
For this short-sightedness, forgive us, O God.
Your promises are forever. 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)* Enough Food?

***SINGING A SONG** – VU #579
“The Church Is Wherever God’s People”

The church is wherever God’s people are praising,
singing God’s goodness for the joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
Remember his story and walk in his way.

The church is wherever God’s people are helping,
caring for neighbors in sickness and need.

The church is wherever God’s people are sharing
the words of the bible in gift and in deed.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isabel MacLaggan

Luke 8:4-15 Parable of the Sower

REFLECTION Live Your Mission

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC

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)*

**Generous God, bless our gifts that together they will do far
more than we can do alone. Bless us, that we might continue
to love you & follow Jesus by attending to the needs in our
community & through the Mission & Service Fund around the
world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

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** – “Though Ancient Walls” VU #691

“Though Ancient Walls” – VU #691

Through ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife we fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!

Refrain:
***Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!***

When vested power stands firm entrenched
and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack.

Refrain

The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
for self and world made new.

Refrain:
***Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!***

The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name!

Refrain

This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery!

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

Church News

This Week at First United October 31st to November 4th

Monday	9:00-11:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH GYM
Wednesday	9:00-11:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH GYM
	4:00 PM	Finance Team Meeting – RMR
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 PM	CD Team Meeting – RMR

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

Peanut Butter Update – As of October 27th, 2022, 312 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 **602** including what has been purchased with monetary donations.

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 –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.

Memorial Hymn Sing – Plans are underway for a Memorial Hymn Sing to be held during the Advent Season. By now you have received a letter with the Hymn selections. If you haven't, or know of someone who hasn't and would like to be included please contact the church office at 546-3532 and one will be sent out to you. Please fill out the information and submit it to the office by dropping it in the mail, offering plate or leaving it at the church office by December 1st. Join with us on December 11th, 2022 at 2 PM to sing Christmas Carol's that mean so much to us as we remember our loved ones

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 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.

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.

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 8:4-15 The Parable of the Sower

4 When a large crowd was gathering, as people were coming to him from town after town, he said in a parable:

5 "A sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed some fell on a path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.

6 Some fell on rock, and as it grew up it withered for lack of moisture.

7 Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it.

8 Some fell into good soil, and when it grew it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "If you have ears to hear, then hear!"

9 Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant.

10 He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but to others I speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive and hearing they may not understand.'

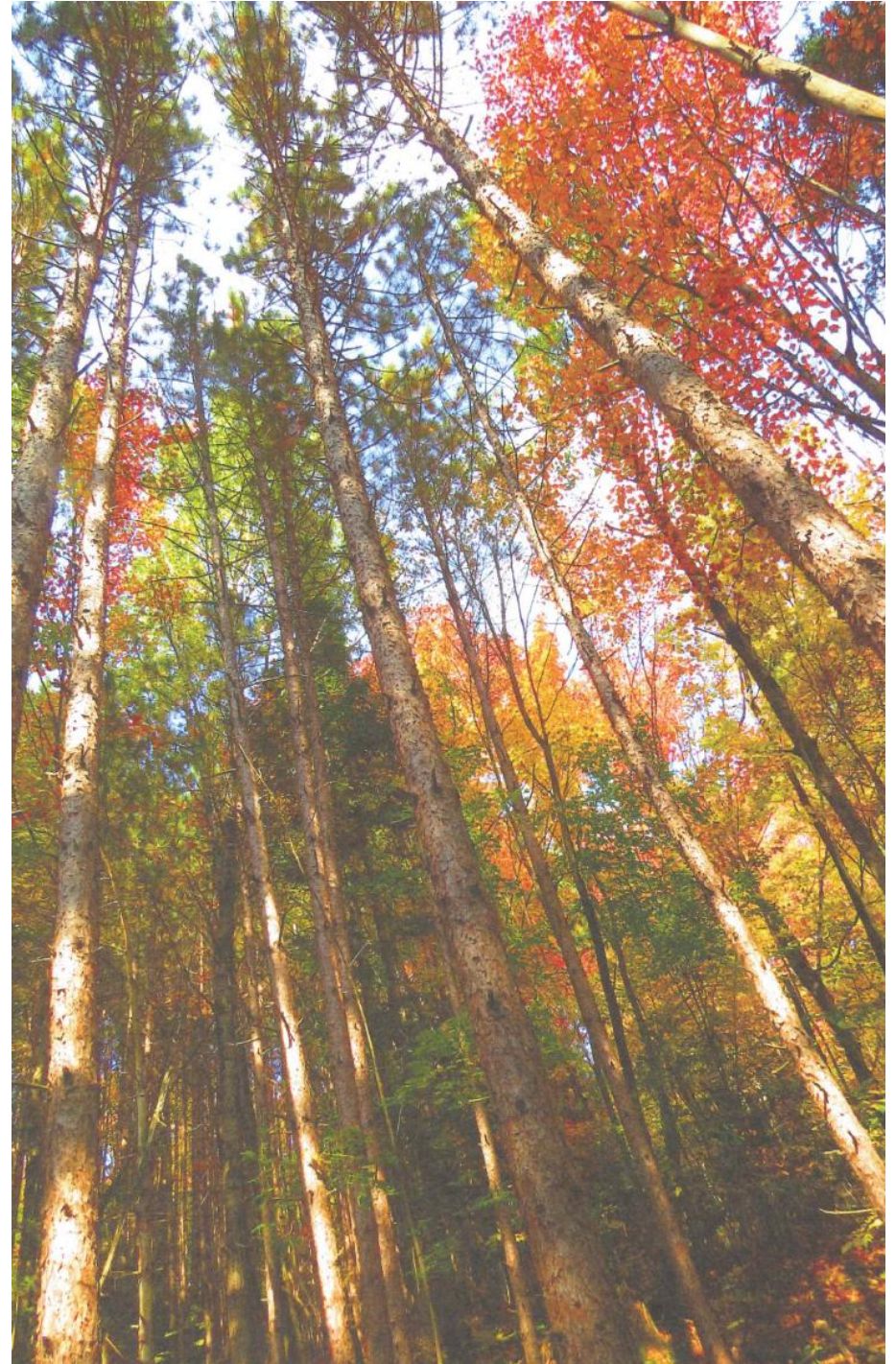
11 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

13 The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away.

14 As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

15 But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart and bear fruit with endurance.



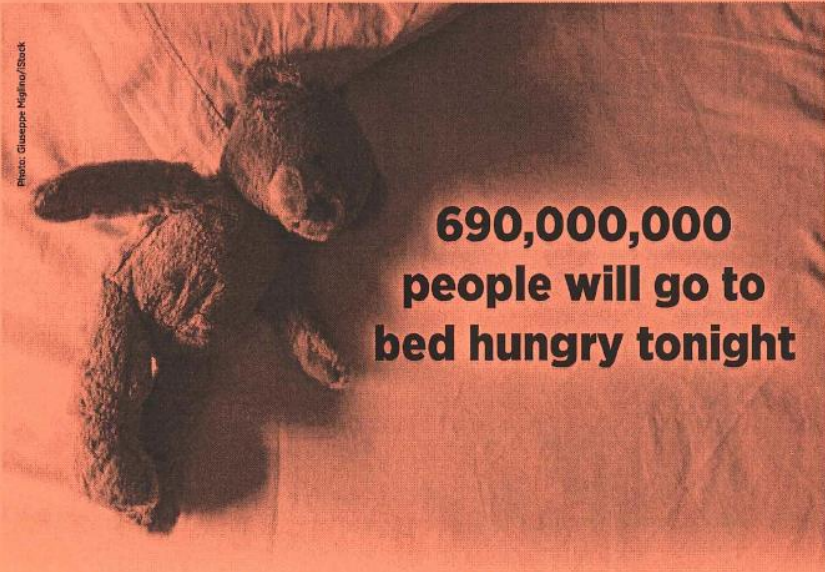


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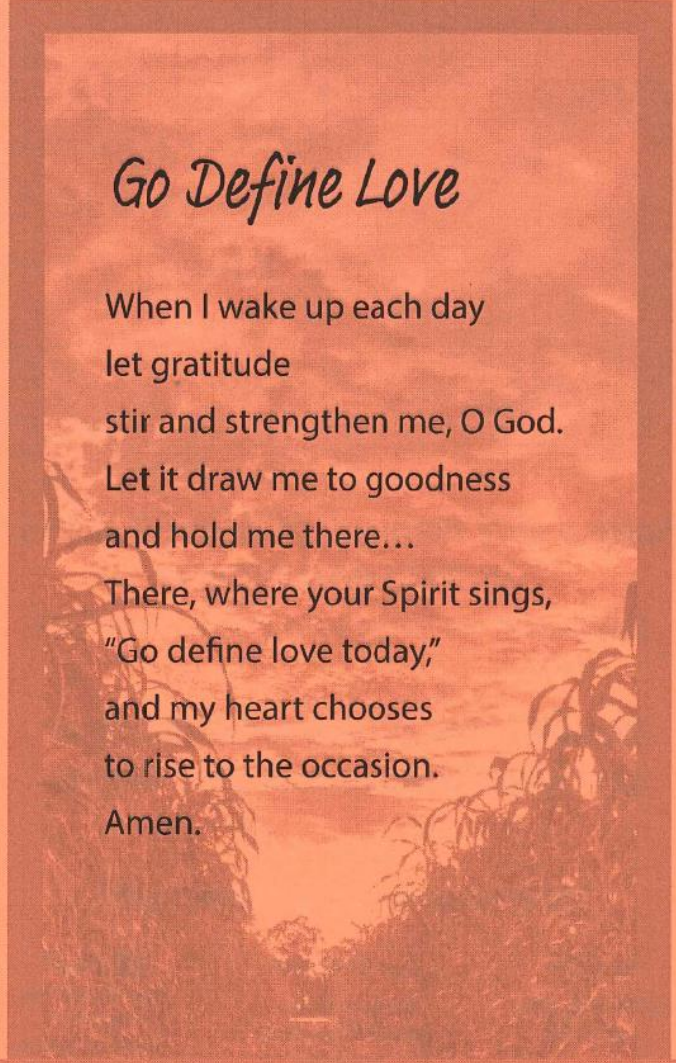
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Go Define Love

When I wake up each day
let gratitude
stir and strengthen me, O God.
Let it draw me to goodness
and hold me there...
There, where your Spirit sings,
"Go define love today,"
and my heart chooses
to rise to the occasion.
Amen.

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inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world.*