

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**May 12, 2024**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**

**Minister** Rev. Neal Palmer    **Music Director** Martha Vickers  
**Office Adm.** Margaret Daniels    **Custodian** Lester Scott  
**Greeters** Cheryl & Dave Brewster  
**Audio & Visual Technicians** Shirley Allain & Donald Eddy

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We welcome and thank **Helen Knowles**  
for leading us in our worship service today!

The focus scripture today is Romans 8:28-35, 37-39

The bulletins are placed in loving memory of **Alice Jagoe**  
by the family

*The asterisk \* identifies those times in the service where you are invited to present yourselves, body, mind, and spirit, as is comfortable for you today...*

*GATHERING*

**MUSIC AS WE GATHER**

**WELCOME & TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *(in unison)*

**...As we gather to worship, let's respectfully pause to remember we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territory of the original peoples, the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and in friendship with its people.**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

One: Today, we celebrate mothers, fathers & youth & all they offer to our society.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

One: The Christ Candle reminds us that Jesus is God's gift of love to us.

**All: And through Jesus, the light of love triumphs over any darkness in our lives**

*The Christ Candle is lit .....*

**CENTERING FOR WORSHIP** – “Wind is Moving”

*Seasons of the Spirit vol. 1 pg. 39*

***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.***

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsively)*

One: We gather to praise God.

**All: who sees the sparrow fall.**

One: We gather to praise God

**All: who sees us when we fall.**

One: We gather to praise God

**All: for the hands that gently lift us up.**

One: We gather with grateful hearts

**All: for the fresh breezes of spring,  
the rain that nourishes new life,  
and for the warmth of the sun.**

One: Let us worship our loving and generous God.

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

\***GATHERING HYMN** – “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” VU #232

Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
God’s own love is reigning o’er us,  
joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

### **PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** – “And When You Call for Me” MV #96

***And when you call for me,  
I have already answered.  
And when you call for me,  
I am already there.***

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

... Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

\***SINGING A SONG** – “Jesus Came, a Child like Me” VU #583

Jesus came, a child like me,  
so the face of God I’d see,  
God is not left far away,  
God is with us every day.

*Refrain*

*Live, Jesus, near us, live, Jesus, with us,  
live, Jesus, in us, come live in us today.*

Jesus came to show us all  
ways to answer our God’s call  
came to show us how to share,  
came to live with God’s own care.

*Refrain*  
*Live, Jesus, near us, live, Jesus, with us,*  
*live, Jesus, in us, come live in us today.*

Jesus came, God's work to do,  
came to live in me and you,  
came to turn the world around  
till God's peace and love are found.

*Refrain*  
Jesus came to show God's face,  
live God's love, and be God's grace.  
God lives now in me, in you,  
God's at work in what we do.

*Refrain*

*ENGAGING*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Judy Losier

Romans 8: 28-35, 37-39 God's Love in Christ Jesus

**REFLECTION - WHY?**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** "As the Wind Song Through the Trees"

*RESPONDING*

**YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS**

*Ronalds Family*

**INVITATION TO MAKE AN OFFERING**

**THE OFFERING IS GATHERED**

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE –**

VU #541

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

**\* 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 #915 (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,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*GOING OUT (as Spirit people)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CLOSING HYMN – “Would You Bless Our Homes and Families”**  
VU #556

Would you bless our homes and families,  
Source of life who calls us here;  
in our world of stress and tension  
teach us love that conquers fear.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;  
teach us when we face our troubles,  
love’s expressed in many ways.

When our way is undemanding,  
let us use the time that’s ours  
to delight in simple pleasures,  
sharing joys in gentle hours.  
When our way is anxious walking  
and a heavy path we plod,  
teach us trust in one another  
and in you, our gracious God.

From the homes in which we’re nurtured,  
with the love that shapes us there,  
teach us, God, to claim as family  
every one whose life we share.  
And through all that life may offer,  
may we in your love remain;  
may the love we share in families  
be alive to praise your name.

Let us reach beyond the boundaries  
of our daily thought and care  
till the family you have chosen  
spills its love out everywhere.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;  
teach us when we face our troubles  
love’s expressed in many ways.

**\*COMMISSIONING & BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL CLOSING –**

“May the Peace of God Be Your Peace”

MV #222

***May the peace of God be your peace.  
May the love of God be the love you show.  
May the job of God be the joy you know,  
and may the world that God would see  
be found in you.***

*(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)*

**POSTLUDE**

# Church News

This Week at First United Church		
Monday	9:00-11:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH GYM
Tuesday	7:15	Youth Confirmation Session
Wednesday	9:00-11:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH GYM
	7:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Session
Saturday	8:00 AM–1:00 PM	Bathurst Community Market

**Church office hours** - Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**Peanut Butter** – Once again this year we have set a goal of 900 jars of peanut butter to donate to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. Up to May 9<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 we have collected 347 jars.

Sincerest **Congratulations to Wayne Cormier** of our congregation on being honoured by being awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award by the Bathurst Rotary Club! Your contributions over many years of organizing transportation and accommodation for the children receiving treatment and their families at the Shriner's Hospital go well beyond the call of duty. It has made a difference in hundreds of families' lives and has not gone unnoticed! Thank You for your commitment and dedication! Well Done!

**Eat in or Take out Ham & Scallop Potato Supper** will be held on **Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact a member of the *Ways & Means Committee* or drop by or call (506-546-3532) the church office for tickets. \$18 for adults and \$6 for children.

As part of our **Stewardship Program** here at First United, information on Planned Giving through Wills and Bequests is available to our congregational membership. All members / adherents are encouraged to review this information and take the appropriate steps pertaining to your wishes. The information is available from the church office.

Below you will find a stewardship quote relating to the same.

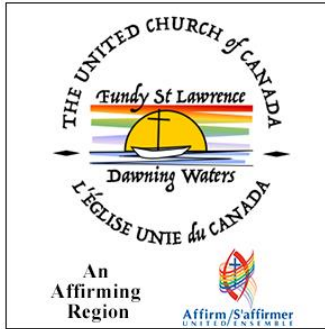
“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”  
*Matthew 6:19–21*

“Money is a person’s personal energy reduced to portable form. It can go where they could not go; speak languages they could not speak; lift burdens they could not touch; save lives with which they cannot relate directly.”  
*~ Harry Emerson Fosdick*

## Community News

The 2024 IG Wealth Management **Walk for Alzheimer’s** is being held at the KC Irving Arena on Sunday **May 26**. Registration begins at 12 noon and the Walk will begin at 1 p.m. You can register on-line at [www.walkforalzheimers.ca](http://www.walkforalzheimers.ca) or upon your arrival at the arena. Prizes and surprises galore. Come and support this important cause.

A take-out only Lobster Supper will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at Christ Church Hall, Clifton. Pickup between 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm Adults \$25, Children under - 12 \$15 For tickets contact via FB Messenger or at phone number listed; Kay Addison 506-350-0960, Darlene Dempsey 506-544-6997, Nancy Hodnett 506-545-5263, or Lesa Scott 506-546-8293.



### ***Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional News***

#### **Rendez-vous 2024: Audacious Hope**

You are invited to join us for the Audacious Hope National Gathering, a transformative event designed for youth, young adults, and their leaders. Early-bird pricing is now open! Sign up today!

**When:** Wed, Jul 3 - Sat, Jul 6 2024

**Where:** Brock University 1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way St. Catharines, ON L2S 3A1

Presented by the Rendez-vous 2024 team of The United Church of Canada and the LIFT team of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in an exciting new partnership!

For further information please see the brochure in the narthex and go to <https://united-church.ca/events/rendez-vous-2024-audacious-hope>

#### **ROMANS 8:28-35**

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

**28** We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

**29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

**30** And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

#### **God's Love in Christ Jesus**

**31** What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

**32** He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

**33** Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

**34** Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

**35** Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**38** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

**39** nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*May the Spirit bless to our understanding these significant parts of our Christian story...*

*Mother's Day Flowers  
have been donated*



*In Loving Memory of*

Our mothers, **Edith Payne** and **Florence Scott**  
from Peggy & Francis Scott

**Emily Wiseman** by Isabel & John

**Dot Clouston** by John & Isabel

Our Mothers, **Vera Cameron** and **Betty Gammon**  
from Peter & Edie

**Mildred "Milly" Smith** from Grant & family

Our mom, **Alice** from the Jagoe family

**Aunt Lollie** from Pam Smith

Our mothers, **Fran Barberly** and **Wynne Sullivan** by Beth & Bob

My **mother, grandmothers, aunts** and **step-mother**;  
*"gone but never forgotten"* from Margaret Payne-Chenard

**Lois Gammon** and **Agnes Murphy** from Brian & Bev

**Margaret Clouston** from Shirley Gammon & family

Our mothers, **Ella Irene Lewis** and **Sarah Doris Moore**  
from Blair & Ruth Lewis

**Laura Parrott** from Brenda Parrott & Dave Morison

My mother, **Myrtle Kierstead** and wife **Vivien** from Mike

Our mothers, **Sue Palmer** and **Margaret Watt** from Neal & Jini

Our mothers, **Evelyn Russell** and **Dora Carroll**  
from Clara & Wayne

Our daughter, **Melissa Carroll**, with love from Mom & Dad

My **mother, grandmothers** and **aunts** from Gayle & Yvon Ferron  
**Mildred & Edith Hatheway** and **Alice Williamson**  
from Hayden & family

Our mothers, **Mildred Smith** and **Judy Rector**  
from Carl & Glenda & family

Our mother and grandmother **Vivian Howatt**, from the family

**Sara Eddy** and **Ruth Branch** from Elizabeth & Gary

**Margaret (Mum) Scott, Gladys Branch, Aunt Wanda  
Glendenning** and **departed sisters** from Lela, Percy & family

**Winifred Hierlihy** and **Emma Mullin** from Blake & Kathy

Our mother and grandmother **Sadie Cormier**  
from Wayne, Phyllis & family

Our mothers, **Agnes Fowlie** and **Vera Godfrey**  
from Archie & Jean

My mothers, **Mildred Archibald** and **Stella MacLaggan**, and my  
grandmothers, **Laura MacIntosh** and **Alice Archibald**  
from Isabel MacLaggan

My mother, **Edrie Hornibrook, Aunts Edna Blair, Annie Foley**  
and **Ada Smith** from Helen A Knowles

My mon, **Jeanne Boucher** from Pat MacIntosh

Our mothers, **Mary Hare** and **Stella Norton**  
by Helen & Harvey Norton

**Mary Logan** from Dawn, Brenda & Ellen

**Maude Hierlihy** and **Anna McCallum** from Dorothy

Our mothers, **Laura Vibert** and **Bette Wiseman**  
from Randy, Holly and family

Our mothers, **Phyllis Wiseman** and **Lillian Murphy**  
from Cheryl & Gordon Murphy

**Isalee Dempsey** and **Elaine Scott** by the Dempsey family

**Rita (Walsh) Murray** by Linda Knowles MacPherson

**Irene Ramsey** by Charles Ramsey & Susan (Ramsey) Wylie

Our mothers, **Helen** and **Dorothy** from Dave & Cheryl

**Rella Good** from Judy Smith

**Helen Cumming** from Judy & David Cumming

**Winnifred (Scott) Craig** from Judy, David & family

**Debra Oliver** from Ian & family

Our mothers, **Dorothy Scott** and **Eleanor Branch**  
by Lester, Shirley & family

**Lena Davis** by daughter, Brenda DeGrace

### *In Honour of*

My **mother-in-law** from Gayle Ferron

My Mom, **Eileen Jagoe** and **Aunts Lela, Elna, Bernice & Verda** from Margaret

**Rita Brown** from the Brown family

### *Tribute to Mothers*

*We lost a mother with a heart of gold,  
How much we miss her can never be told,  
She shared our troubles  
and helped us along.  
If we follow her footsteps  
we will never go wrong.*

*We miss you from your favorite chair,  
Your loving smile and gentle air,  
Your vacant place no one can fill,  
We miss you mother and always will.*

*She was a mother so very rare,  
Content in her home and always there,  
On earth she toiled, in Heaven she rests,  
God bless you mother  
you were one of the best.*

Mary Elizabeth Frye