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Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13
<i>Today's bulletins are in loving memory of Heather (MacLaggan) Smith whose death occurred five years ago today, placed by Isabel and Family</i>	

*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 *(responsively)*

The Christ Candle is lit...

Shine on us, Holy One. Warm us. Transform us.

Smile through us.

Touch others with love through our actions.

Run errands that help others with our energy.

Bless others through the words we share.

Shine through us. Now and always.

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP – "Come Build a Church"

***Come build a church with soul and spirit,
 come build a church of flesh and bone.
 We need no tower rising skyward;
 no house of wood or glass or stone.
 Come build a church with human frailty,
 come build a church of flesh and blood.
 Jesus shall be its sure foundation.
 It shall be built by the hand of God.***

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CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

We come with our hopes and longings.

We gather to worship.

We come to find rest for our souls.

We gather to worship.

We come with our disappointments and dreams.

We gather to worship.

We come to gain strength for our lives.

We gather to worship.

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** – “God of the Bible” – MV #28

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain

*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.*

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow’r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Refrain

Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, mid-wives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Refrain

Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Refrain

Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross.

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)*

...The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

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

The Rainbow Fish

***SINGING A SONG** – “I Can Feel You Near Me God” – MV #48

I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God I feel you here
I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God Heaven is here.

Refrain

*And I'll jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you.*

I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me always everywhere
I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me I know you're there.

Refrain

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Anne Wilson

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “I Have Called You by Your Name”

GIFT OF MUSIC -

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS

Judy Losier

STEWARDSHIP – ACKNOWLEDEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRST UNITED CHURCH

(Dave Brewster, Chair of Stewardship Team)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED

***OFFERING RESPONSE –**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” – VU #541

***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)*

**Loving One,
accept, we pray, the gifts we bring.
May they be symbols
of our commitment and desire
to play our part
in your unfolding story of love.
Amen**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER – VU #916 (A Paraphrase) *(in unison)*

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever.
Amen**

GOING OUT (as Spirit people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – “O Beautiful Gaia” – MV #41

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

Waves crashing on granite,
O Gaia, calling us home.
Waves crashing on granite,
calling us on.

Refrain

Pine bending in windstorm,
O Gaia, calling us home.
Pine bending in windstorm,
calling us on.

Refrain

Loon nesting in marshland,
O Gaia, calling us home.
Loon nesting in marshland,
calling us on.

Refrain

***BLESSING**

***CHORAL SENDING FORTH** – “Lift Us Up, Send Us Out”

***Lift us up, send us out
as we now go in peace
and our worship and living entwine.
May God's presence be near
and may concord increase
when our hope and our actions combine.***

***Be the salt, be the light
and let each be a sign
that our caring will highlight the way.
Share a meal, plant a tree,
let our faith underline
that by giving, our love is conveyed.***

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The Christ Candle is extinguished.

POSTLUDE

Church News

Summer church office hours are now in effect until after the Labour Day Weekend in September. The office will now be open Monday to Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM – closed Friday.

The office will be closed Monday, July 1st in recognition of Canada Day.

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 June 20th, 2024 we have collected 378 jars. We have funds on hand to purchase another 60 jars in the next couple of weeks.

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.

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. *2 Corinthians 9:8*

If you are going to sit under the shade of a tree someone else planted and drink from a well someone else dug, you should plant a tree and dig a well. When we are talking about financial stewardship, it's not about the money—it's about our attitude to faith, generosity, and money. *Author unknown*

Help Needed for West Bathurst Cemetery – As soon as the Eddy Group receives the okay to clean up the site of the recent fire, the West Bathurst Cemetery will need help to remove about a dozen trees along the bank neighbouring the Eddy property. We will need workers to operate chain saws, move limbs, etc. and possible trucks and trailers to move some of the limbs to the city compost site. If you are willing to help, please give your name to Gary Branch, Lester Scott, or the church secretary

Community Outreach Request

Currently, our pantry is well stocked with items, requiring heat to complete but we are limited in what we can donate to homeless individuals. If you are able, please donate individual packs of granola bars/other nutritious bars or cheese & crackers, etc. We thank you, in advance for your generosity. For more info, contact Helen Knowles at 546-9563.

Community News

St. George's Anglican Church will be hosting the **Hospitality Days Breakfast** on Saturday, July 20th from 8 AM to 10AM. Tickets to be sold in advance by dropping into the Church Office or calling 506-546-3225. Adults – \$10 and Children under 12 - \$5

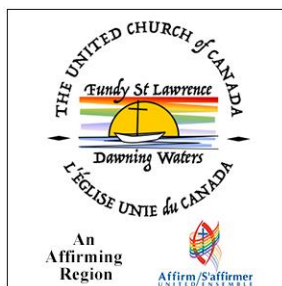
50th Anniversary - Central United Church

*Remember the Past,
Celebrate the Present, Grow the Future*

*You are invited to join the Congregation of Central United, Clifton NB
to celebrate the 50th anniversary of ministry*

Sunday, July 7th, 2024 during the 10:00 am worship service

A summer kids' event called Scuba VBS will be hosted at *St. Lukes Presbyterian Church*, 395 Murray Avenue, Bathurst from **July 22 to July 26**, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. At Scuba, kids explore what it means to have a friendship with God, participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and test out sciency-fun experiments that get imagination bubbling. Family members and friends are encouraged to join-in daily for this special time at 11:30. Scuba is for kids from 4 to 12 and we welcome teenagers to volunteer as crew leaders. For more information, call 506-546-4645 or email stlukes@bellaliant.com.



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

BERWICK CAMP 2024

Berwick Camp will be holding its 152nd encampment this summer from July 26 to August 4. This year we will be welcoming our United Church Moderator, the Right Rev Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, as Minister in Residence. She will be conducting the service on Sundays at 10am, and Monday to Friday evenings at 7pm. We'd love to welcome members of congregations from all over the Maritimes and beyond to spend some time with us this year. If your church is in the Berwick area, we would love to have the whole congregation celebrate Sunday services under the hemlocks with us. Have further to travel? We are hoping that churches from outside of the area will pool for transportation for a day visit, and stay for the evening service. Or, come and experience the whole week! Registration is now open. More information can be found on our website (<https://www.berwickcamp.org>), including the link for registration and the daily schedule (with more details on events to come as we get closer). So come check it out!

We are sending along here a promotional video giving a bit of a snapshot of what Berwick is all about. If you are able to show this at your churches on camping Sunday (or any time!), please do! Many churches have campers that attend that would be happy to answer questions about the camp experience. Link to video: <https://youtu.be/aDoCbTSbSK8>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

7 Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

8 I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love.

9 For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

10 And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something.

11 Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.

12 For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

13 For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between

14 your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality.

15 As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

Mark 5:21-43

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea.

22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet

23 and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live."

24 So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years.

26 She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse.

27 She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,

28 for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well."

29 Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?"

31 And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' "

32 He looked all around to see who had done it.

33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?"

36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

37 He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

38 When they came to the synagogue leader's house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

39 When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping."

40 And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was.

41 Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up!"

42 And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.

43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

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