

***GATHERING HYMN –**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” – VU #560

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free
Tell me thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care

Help me the slow of heart to move
With some clear winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sure and strong
In trust that triumphs over wrong,

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way
In peace that only thou canst give
With thee, O Master, let me live

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (in unison)

**We would sing praises to you,
Composer of our lives,
but we remember the harsh words we used toward
a friend this week.
We would learn your healing hymns of grace,
but the broken chords of our anger and pain
echo deep within us.
We would dance in the circle of your love,
but we recall how quickly we turned and ran when offered
opportunities to serve your people.
Forgive us,
Gifter of every blessing.
Open our hearts and fill us with your mercy.**

**Open our ears that we may hear
the songs of grace you would teach us
to share with the world.**

**Open our eyes that we may see
the hope we have in Jesus Christ,
our inheritance of love and joy.**

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)

***SINGING A SONG –**

“One More Step Along the World I Go” – VU #639

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world 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 tough,
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

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**O God, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Judy Losier

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Mark 6:1-13

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

RESPONDING

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS

Martha Vickers

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)**

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 – “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” – VU #461**

Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ’s teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God’s grace did invite us,
God’s love shall unite us
To work for the kingdom and answer its call.

With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us,
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and the name that we bear.

***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.

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 July 2nd, 2024 we have collected 381 jars. We have funds on hand to Guest 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.

For we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it. *1 Timothy 6:7*

Create a lasting gift.

Remember the church in your estate planning.

Thank you to our volunteers in June:

Greeters – Beth Sullivan & Gary Branch ; **Counters** – Anne & Earnest Brooks & Wayne Cormier; **Your Generosity Matters** – Martha Vickers , Sally Ronalds, Pat MacIntosh, Anne Wilson and Judy Losier; **Scripture Readers** – Anne Wilson, Jennifer Oliver, Isabel MacLaggan; **Sound System** – Brenda Parrott, Ralph Jamieson and Shirley Allain; **Hospitality & Friendship** – Shirley Sealy & Wilma Dempsey, Gayle Ferron & Debbie Watling **Videographer** – Don Eddy as well as to Josh Gammon for uploading our services to the website and Facebook.

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.

Guest Speakers for the upcoming services:

July 14 - Jennifer Oliver

July 21-Aug. 11 – Rev. Blair Lewis

Aug. 18 – Helen Knowles

Aug. 25 – Cindy Doucet

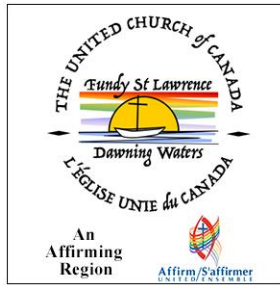
Community News

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

The Anglican Parish of New Bandon is holding its annual Strawberry Social and Bake Sale on Wednesday, July 17 at Christ Church Hall in Clifton. The event will run between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. An eat-in shortcake dessert with tea, coffee or iced tea can be enjoyed for \$8. Takeouts will also be available.

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 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>

2 Samuel 6:1-5

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem

6 David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

² David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim.

³ They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio,^[a] the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God;^[b] and Ahio^[c] went in front of the ark.

⁵ David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs^[d] and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

2 Samuel 6:9-10

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

⁹ David was afraid of the LORD that day; he said, 'How can the ark of the LORD come into my care?'

¹⁰ So David was unwilling to take the ark of the LORD into his care in the city of David; instead David took it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

Mark 6:1-13

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

6 He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him.

2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary^[a] and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence^[b] at him.

4 Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.'

5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

6 And he was amazed at their unbelief.

The Mission of the Twelve

Then he went about among the villages teaching.

7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;

9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

10 He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.

11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.'

12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.

13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.