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World Communion Sunday

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31
We welcome The Rev. Ivan Gregan , (retired) and thank him for leading us in worship these next few months.	
<i>Today's bulletins have been placed in loving memory of John M. Daley by Helen 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

O come let us listen for the voice of God
**Sounding in the words of Scripture,
sounding in the voices of creation,
sounding in the notes of music,
sounding in the lives of others.**
O come, let us listen for the voice of God
**Calling us by name,
and calling us to be the people of God.**
O come, let us worship God!

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE *(in unison)*

**Christ is the outpouring of God into creation,
the physical manifestation of the unseen God,
and the light that shines in the darkness.
We light this candle to center ourselves
on the One who leads us home.**

The Christ Candle is lit...

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP – "Listen, God Is Calling" MV #97

Listen!

**Listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

GATHERING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**God of many names,
You are the Light of the World,
in Baptism You have called us by our name
and prepared a place for us at your Banquet Table.
We have answered your call to join together in worship.
Receive the praise we offer
even as we offer ourselves in your Service,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN**

***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 OF HUMILITY (*in unison*)

**God of forgiveness and opportunity,
who finds hope in the midst of despair,
who brings light in the midst of darkness,
who finds a saint in every sinner,
and who invites us to sit at table with You,
come to each of us now
and redeem us with your love and forgiveness.
May we find opportunity to give You thanks
for your kindness
and praise You for your pardon
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND FORGIVENESS

CHORAL RESPONSE – “How Deep the Peace”

MV #95

***How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
Of those whose heart are healed.***

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

In peace, dear God, I come to You
through Jesus Christ who makes me new
And while I run or play or rest,
be with those whom I love best,
Guide me in your Holy Way,
as You walk with me each day, Amen.

***SINGING A SONG – “I Am a Child of God”**

(*Seasons of the Spirit vol. 8*)

Verse 1

I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.

Verse 2

I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.

Verse 3

I am an angry voice, I am compassion and consternation,
I am an angry voice, I am an angry voice.

Verse 4

I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.

Verse 5

I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy

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ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

**Help us hear what is not read,
Help us hear what is not said,
Help us hear your Voice today,
Echo in this place we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Helen Knowles

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “All Who Thirst for Living Water”

RESPONDING

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS *(formerly Minute for Mission)*

Martha Vickers

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)*

**We present to You our gifts time, treasure, and talents.
Together use them and us for You Glory
and the good of others, in Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.**

COMMUNING

***COMMUNION HYMN** – “All Who Hunger”

VU #460

All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

INVITATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION - LA SAINTE-CÈNE

The LORD is with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are You, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth.
We praise You for the glorious resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, for His continued life with You in Glory and
for his being the host of this meal with us in the Church.
He has taken away the sins of the world
and brought us into unity with You.
Therefore, we join our voices with the angels and archangels
and all the company of the redeemed to proclaim your praises.

SANCTUS *(Skye Boat Song)*

***Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of Power and Might!
Heaven and earth are full of your light.
Glory to You, our God.
Blessed is He, Blessed are we,
Blessed are all who come.
Hosannas ring, Archangels sing,
Blessed are all who come.
Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of Power and Might!
Heaven and earth are full of your light.
Glory to You, our God.***

On the Night of the Passover, our Lord sat at table with his
friends as He sits at Table with us now. He took bread, gave You
thanks, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, "*This
is my body broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.*"

**Almighty God,
we have broken open the Body of Your Word,
heard your voice in scripture,
recounted your story of redemption
and, with Christ, are becoming part of your unfolding
drama of salvation.**

When the meal was finished, Jesus raised his cup. Again he gave
You thanks and praise. Then he said to his disciples, "*Drink from
this cup all of you.*" This is the cup of Covenant Renewal that
binds us together in one Body with the blood of God flowing in us.
"Do this in remembrance of me."

**Almighty God, we drink from a common cup of memory
and in each of us flows the force of your presence.
Strengthen us to do your will and to proclaim our faith.**

ACCLAMATION OF FAITH *(tune VU #459 St. Agnes)*

***Christ is our life, God's Incarnated WORD.
Jesus Christ died and entered into death.
Christ has arisen, death has lost its sting,
Christ comes again to meet us in this Feast.***

Loving God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon our offerings of bread and wine.
**Grant that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our
Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Loving God,
pour out your Holy Spirit on all who share this Feast
**that we may be for the world, the Living Presence of
Christ, serving and reconciling all people to you.**

Remember your Church scattered on the face of this earth,

gather her in unity and preserve her in truth.

Remember our friends who have gone before us into the richness of your Presence, especially and all those whom we mention in silence.

In communion with them and with all creation, we worship and glorify You always.

**Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church,
all glory and honour is yours, Almighty God,
now and forever,**

singing

Amen! Amen! Amen!

(tune VU #967)

THE LORD'S PRAYER – NOTRE PÈRE

SHARING THE SACRAMENT – PARTAGE DU SACREMENT

**All who wish to receive Communion are welcome.
Cette table est celle de Jésus Christ;
tous ceux et toutes celles qui aspirent à s'y rassembler sont
les bienvenus.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

**All thanks be to You, Eternal God,
The Source of all creation,
the Life from whom we came and to whom we go,
and the whispering Breath that brings us to life
and gives us dreams of heaven
while we are citizens of earth.
With brothers and sisters around the world,
with friends on earth and friends in heaven,
we celebrate you Presence.**

**May we be living incarnations of your Presence,
loving and serving others,
in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

GOING OUT (as Spirit people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN – “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” VU #684**

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

(Refrain:)

*O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

(Refrain:)

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

(Refrain:)

***SENDING FORTH**

***CHORAL CLOSING** – “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

This Week at First United Church		
Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday to Friday		
Tuesday	1:00PM – 3:00 PM	Knitting Group - RMR
	7:00 PM	Property Management - RMR
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 PM	Christian Development - RMR
	7:00 PM	Profile Committee – Admin office
Saturday	8:00 AM–1:00 PM	Bathurst Community Market

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 October 3rd, 2024 we have collected 692 jars.

If you are aware of **anyone in the hospital or needing a visit**, please let the office know (506-546-3532) and the message will be forwarded to the Pastoral Care Team.

Thanksgiving – October 13th, 2024 – Anyone wishing to contribute items to decorate the church is encouraged to bring them in by **3 PM Thursday October 10th**. Thank you in advance.

Save the date – The Ways & Means Team are holding their Turkey Supper on **Thursday, November 21st**.

Thank You to our volunteers in September: **Greeters** – Brenda Gillis, Dawn Yao, Margaret Payne-Chénard and Mike Kierstead; **Counters** – Shirley Sealy and Robert Willis; **Your Generosity Matters** – Martha Vickers, Anne Wilson, Sally Ronalds, and Judy Losier; **Scripture Readers** – Isabel MacLaggan, Anne Wilson, Wayne Lord, Judy Losier and Gary Branch; **Sound System** – Brenda Parrott, Ralph Jamieson and Shirley Allain; **Hospitality & Friendship** – Nancy Jagoe and Pam Smith; **Videographer** – Don Eddy as well as to Josh Gammon for uploading our services to the Website and Facebook.

Community News

"Help Lesotho" Calendars

The Anglophone School District – North has been sponsoring "Help Lesotho" since 2006 as part of its global awareness initiative. As a fundraiser where all of the money raised goes to help finance its work with orphans, vulnerable children, and grandmothers in Lesotho, Africa; "Help Lesotho" has 2025 calendars for sale at a cost of \$15.00. You are invited to support this initiative with your donation. Gary Branch (546-9208) (egbranch@rogers.com) will be taking orders for these calendars until October 15, 2024. Payment can be made in advance by cash, cheque, or eTransfer, or when the calendars are delivered in November. Cheques are to be made payable to "Help Lesotho". Thank you to the congregation of First United Church for your continued support of this initiative.

4th Annual Pokeshaw & Black Rock **Cranberry Festival** is scheduled for ***October 19th and 20th, 2024*** at various locations and times. Activities include Cranberry Bog Tours, Peat Moss Fields Demo, Paramotor Flying; Café & Market, Lobster Boat & Fishing Demo, Drop-In Cider Making. They are also teaming with North Tetagouche / Kinsale for the Provincial Biennial Awards & Irish Canadian Cultural Associate N.E., featuring the CALNAN BAND! For more information see the poster on the bulletin boards or visit Pokeshaw & Black Rock Recreation Council Inc. Facebook page.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA E-SENTIALS

Mission and Service:

This Thanksgiving Help Us Fight Food Insecurity

8.7 million Canadians, including 2.1 million children, across all provinces and territories faced food insecurity in 2023.



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8.7 million Canadians are struggling with food insecurity, including 2.1 million children. This Thanksgiving, let's make a difference. [Your donation](#) can provide meals for hungry families across Canada. [Give the gift](#) of nutritious food to those who need it most.

Here is the link to give a gift:

https://united-church.ca/thanksgiving?utm_source=E-Newsletters&utm_campaign=96fc962a8e-ES241001&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_53a49c9e28-96fc962a8e-189633959&goal=0_53a49c9e28-96fc962a8e-189633959&mc_cid=96fc962a8e&mc_eid=b564df3d4f

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Chapter 1

God Has Spoken by His Son

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Chapter 2

Exaltation through Abasement

5 Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.

6 But someone has testified somewhere,
'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

7 You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honour,

8 subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,

9 but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,

12 saying,

'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'