

## **NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

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Guest Minister: Rev. John Taylor

Music Director: Dustin Bowers

Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 10:00 am

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*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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### **Music as We Gather**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Acknowledgement of the Land:**

As we gather, we acknowledge that we meet and live on the traditional territories of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People. We give thanks for their care for the land over thousands of years and for their deep spirituality and honouring of the Creator and the creation. May we live with respect in God's creation and in harmony with our neighbours.

### **Music as We Centre**

#### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

*Please stand for the Opening Hymn*

#### **Opening Hymn: VU714**

“Come, We That Love”

1 Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known,  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne,  
and thus surround the throne.

We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.

2 Let those refuse to sing  
who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King,

but children of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad,  
may speak their joys abroad. R

3 The hill of Zion yields  
a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
before we reach the heavenly fields  
or walk the golden streets,  
or walk the golden streets. R

4 Then let our songs abound,  
and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground  
to fairer worlds on high,  
to fairer worlds on high. R < >

## **Life, and Work of the Community**

### **Call to Worship:**

One: The miracle of God's love is present among us here.

**All: Love and faith come together here.**

One: God nourishes and sustains us on our journey called life.

**All: As we make this journey, we believe that God's promise of new life will be fully revealed in the life of God's coming age.**

One: Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

**All: Let us worship.**

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Words of Assurance:**

One: We live in a world between heaven and earth. And the Holy lives among us.

**All: Let us know and be assured that God's Love, Wisdom and Promise is always with us. In Jesus name. Amen**

Wisdom 3  
The Souls of the Righteous

Refrain

Ralph Vaughan Williams 1906



Musically prepared by Oxford University Press.

- One The souls of the righteous are in God's hands,  
**All and there no torment shall touch them.**
- One To foolish eyes they seemed dead,  
 their departure reckoned as defeat,  
 their parting from us as disaster.  
**All But they are at peace. R**
- One For though to human sight they seemed punished,  
 God will fulfill their hope of immortality.  
**All After a little chastisement they will receive great  
 blessings, because God tested them  
 and found them worthy to be God's own. R**
- One Like gold in a crucible God put them to the test.  
**All God found them acceptable  
 like an offering burnt whole upon the altar.**
- One When God comes to them they will kindle into flame,  
 like sparks that sweep through stubble.  
**All They will judge nations and govern peoples,  
 and God will rule forever. R**
- One Those who put their trust in God shall know that God is true.  
 The faithful shall wait in love.  
**All They are God's chosen.  
 Grace and mercy shall be theirs. R**

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
'You that are simple, turn in here!'  
To those without sense she says,  
'Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.'

*Please remain seated*

**Hymn: VU471**

“Eat This Bread and Never Hunger”

- R Eat this bread and never hunger,  
drink this cup and never thirst;  
Christ invites us to the table  
where the last become the first.
- 1 Asking for a cup of water,  
Jesus touched forbidden ground;  
and the woman, with a question,  
told the world what she had found. R
- 2 Walking down a desert highway,  
Jesus healed a man born blind;  
soon the man became a witness  
to the truth we seek and find. R
- 3 Weeping for his friend at graveside,  
Jesus felt the pain of death;  
yet he knew God's power to waken:  
living water, living breath. R < >

**Young at Heart Time:**

*“Are We There Yet?”*

**Gospel Lesson:** John 6:51-58

*Bruce Newmaster*

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

**All: may we hear the stories from our faith history that inspire us to embrace the promise and new life shared with us as we live and love together in a Pentecost inspired faith.**

Reader: In the name of the Jesus, the Christ...

**All: Amen.**

**Meditation:**

*"Getting to Heaven"*

**Music for Meditation**

*Please stand for the New Creed*

**The New Creed**

VU918

One: Let us join together in a statement of our communal faith...

**All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and  
others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Hymn: VU582**

“There’s a Spirit in the Air”

- 1      There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.'
  
- 2      Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!
  
- 3      When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.
  
- 4      Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!
  
- 5      When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world
  
- 6      May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay,  
live tomorrow's life today.
  
- 7      There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

**We Receive the Offering**

*Please stand for the Offering Hymn*

**Doxology: VU541** "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 < >

### **Dedication of Our Gifts**

### **Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer**

*Please stand for Closing Hymn*

**Closing Hymn: VU236** "Now Thank We All Our God"

- 1 Now thank we all our God, with heart,  
and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
  
- 2 O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when  
perplexed,  
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.
  
- 3 All praise and thanks to God  
for all that has been given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest  
who dwell in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. < >

### **Blessing as We Go Forth:**

One: As we leave, let us go knowing that God is with us and that we are not alone.

**All: Let us live out our journey with God in joy and deepen our faith.**

One: Let us walk boldly and gently as children of God.

**All: Let us trust in God's plan. Amen.**

**Sung Benediction:**

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will be with you each hour of everyday.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching you with love;  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. < >

**Music as the Worship Service Concludes**

**Regional Council Prayer Cycle**

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world for the week of August 18, 2024

**St. Paul’s United Church, Bowmanville**

*[East Central Ontario Regional Council]*

***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK’S VOLUNTEERS for Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>***

Duty	Jaymes Winch
Elevator	Paula Winch
Greeters	Linda Munroe, Gale Osmond, Mary Hess Northey, Carrie Varga
Scripture Reader	Bruce Newmaster
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/AI Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Coffee Fellowship	Affirming Committee
Coffee Fellowship (Sept)	Worship Committee

LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR OCT-NOV-DEC. Please speak with Michele at the office if you are available for Duty person, Elevator, Greeter, Videographer, Sound tech, & Video tech. No previous experience required, and training will be provided.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev Kevin Derry is away on Sabbatical until September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact the office at 705-748-4881 and we will make sure your message gets to where it needs to go.

- On **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** we welcome Rev. Iain Buchanan as our Guest Minister
- On Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> we welcome Rev. Cathy Underhill as our Guest Minister

**FOOD BANK SUNDAY**- is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We invite you to bring items to support Kawartha Food Share. Boxes are located in Upper Wright Hall and back foyer [*exit to parking lot*]. If you wish to make a cash donation instead, there is a line provided on the offering envelopes. **Please make cheques payable to: "Northminster United Church"**. This can be placed on the offering plate. **Next date: September 8<sup>th</sup>**. We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: [treasurer Nuc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer Nuc@gmail.com)

**OUR NURSERY FOR OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN** is along the main corridor across from the kitchen.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** ... please contact Michele in the office to let her know you require offering envelopes. Email: [info@northminsteruc.ca](mailto:info@northminsteruc.ca) or Tel. # 705-748-4881.

**NAME TAGS:** If you need a name tag, please contact the office. I would be happy to make you one. Also stick on name tags are available, located on the table at the back of the church and on table at west entrance into Sanctuary.

**PASTORAL CARE:** If you know someone that is in the hospital that we should know about, please call the office and let us know. If after hours, please leave a message 705-748-4881. We all need to take care of each other.

**PIZZA DINNER & MUSIC NIGHT** on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:30 pm. Tickets will be \$12.00. Everyone is welcome! (There is a sign up sheet for volunteers)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**...Church Photo Directory, October 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. See Al Bartholomew for further details.