

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 10:00 am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

In praise of Faith!

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU481

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O 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.
- 2 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 honour to Christ and the name that we bear. < >

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship: VU525

“You Embrace All Peoples”

One Eternal God,
whose image lies in the hearts of all people,
we live among peoples

**All whose languages are different from our own,
whose faiths are foreign to us,
whose ways we fail to understand.**

One Help us to remember

**All that you embrace all people with your love,
that all religion is a response to you,
that the yearnings of other hearts
are much like our own, and are known to you.**

One Help us to recognize you
in words of truth, things of beauty,
and actions of love about us.

**All We pray in the name of the One who calls us
to be neighbour and friend. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance: (taken from VU580 Faith of Our Fathers)

One Faith born of God, O call us yet;
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.

**All Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.**

One In the name of Jesus.

All Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

^{24:1}Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua

said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

¹⁴ 'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'

¹⁶ Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

Psalm Selection: VU761 Psalm 34

Refrain

Robert E. Kreutz

Unison

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of our God.

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- One I will bless God at all times,
God's praise will continually be in my mouth.
- All My soul will glory in God,
the humble will hear and be glad.**
- One O magnify God with me, let us exalt God's name together.
- All I sought God, who answered me,
and freed me from all my fears.**

One Look to the Most High, and let your light shine,
and your faces will not be ashamed.

**All This poor soul cried out and God heard,
and saved me from all my troubles. R**

One Your angel, O God, keeps guard over those who fear you
and delivers them.

**All Taste and see that our God is good.
Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

One Fear God, you who are the saints,
For those who fear God lack nothing

**All Strong lions suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek God lack no good thing. R**

One Come, my children, and listen to me,
I will teach you the fear of God.

**All Which of you delights in life,
and desires many days to enjoy prosperity?**

One Keep your tongue from evil, your lips from speaking lies.
Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue
it.

**All God's eyes are upon the righteous,
God's ears open to their cry.**

One God's face is set against evil-doers,
to blot out their remembrance from the earth.

**All The righteous cry out and God hears them,
and rescues them from all their troubles.**

One God is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**All Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but God sets them free from every sorrow.**

One God guards every bone in their body;
not one of them will be broken.

**All Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

One But you, God, redeem the life of your servants;

All none who take refuge in you are condemned. R

Hymn: VU227

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
 For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
 For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
 silent growth while we are sleeping,
 future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
 In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
 In our worldwide task of caring
 for the hungry and despairing,
 in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
 For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
 For the wonders that astound us,
 for the truths that still confound us,
 most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.< >

Young at Heart Time:*“Hornbill”***Gospel Lesson:** Ephesians 6:10-20

^{6:10} Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the

gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Meditation:

“We Are Not Alone!”

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: VU291

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

R All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings. R

- 2 The purpleheaded mountains,
 the river running by,
 the sunset and the morning
 that brightens up the sky; R
- 3 The cold wind in the winter,
 the pleasant summer sun,
 the ripe fruits in the garden:
 God made them every one. R
- 4 The rocky mountain splendour,
 the lone wolf's haunting call,
 the great lakes and the prairies,
 the forest in the fall; R
- 5 God gave us eyes to see them,
 and lips that we might tell
 how great is God our maker,
 who has made all things well. R

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 Lord's Prayer

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU635 “All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”

- 1 All the way my Saviour leads me;
 what have I to ask beside?
 Can I doubt his tender mercy
 who through life has been my guide?
 Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
 here by faith in him to dwell,
 for I know, whate'er befall me,
 Jesus doeth all things well.

2 All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see!

3 All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: May our faith fill us with the feeling of God's love,

All: We live in the faith of God's love,

One: May we share our faith in God's love,

All: We share our faith in God's love as we go forth. 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 25, 2024

Ebenezer United Church, Courtice

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for Aug 25th

Duty	John Tewsley
Elevator	Dave Underhill
Greeters	Al & Marg Renwick Dave & Kathy Thom
Scripture Reader	tbd
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/Al 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 3rd. Please contact the office at 705-748-4881 and we will make sure your message gets to where it needs to go.

- On Sunday, September 1st 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 8th**. We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: treasurernuc@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 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 10th, 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 7th to 12th. See Al Bartholomew for further details.