

Northminster United Church

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*22nd Sunday after Pentecost * All Saints' Day*

Music as We Gather

Welcome, Celebrations, Life and Work of the Community

The 68th Anniversary for John & Lily Bowman

Birthday wishes to Jean Carruthers [94]

Birthday wishes to Jim Watson [94]

Birthday wishes to Adam Eimers [12]

Call to Worship:

One: The Holy calls us to honour the saints known and unknown that have come before us or are still among us.

All: The Holy calls us to acknowledge the gifts of those saints.

One: The Holy calls us to remember that sometimes the greatest saint is the one who goes unnoticed. Let us worship together.

All: Let us worship. Amen

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sharing the All Saints' Day Memorial Roll

Carnations are brought forward by our young people

Act of Remembrance:

Mary: We gather as the Northminster United Church Family conscious of those who do not join us; those whose ministries have ended; who have been separated from us by death and transitioned from this life to the next. We remember the whole communion of saints and, in particular, those named here:

Ron Manley	Marion Cummings
Peggy Goody	Mabel McCreery
Gerry Beavis	Nancy Bos
Terry Hill	Cecil Hitchings
Thelma Simmons	Hugh Pollard
Frank Edwards	Elaine Correll
Bob Laidley	Phyllis Phillips
Rod Tousaw	Ruth Peltz
Arthur Elmhirst	Taimi Henderson
Melba Dawson	Ethel Stinson
Jack Whitnell	Maurietta Hutchison

Friends of Northminster:

Murray Emmons
Percy Runnalls

Gail Sluggett
Donald Smith

A Prayer for All Saints' Sunday

Opening Hymn: VU87

"I Am the Light of the World"

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The Holy reminds us that when we acknowledge the areas of ourselves and community that need growth and re-birth we are on the pathway to new life.

All: We are blessed. We are forgiven. We are loved.

First Lesson:

Revelation 7:9-17

The Multitude from Every Nation

^{7:9} After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Young at Heart Time:

"The Promise"

Psalm Selection: VU761-62 (No Sung Responses)

Psalm 34
(Selected Verses)

One: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.

All: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.

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 at 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. Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.

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. Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.

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 leaps 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. Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.

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. Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.

Hymn: VU560

"O Master, let me Walk with Thee"

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

^{5:1} When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Kevin: As the Holy One speaks to us from the stories of our faith history, may we find hope, inspiration, and peace as they speak to us in this time and place.

All: Let us use the hope, inspiration, and peace of those stories to transform our lives and the communities in which we live.

Kevin: In the name of the one called, Jesus.

All: Amen.

Meditation:

"From Here to Eternity"

The New Creed:

One: Let's share together in the New Creed:

**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.**

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts: (The Offering plates are found at the doors into the sanctuary, please place your Offering on the plate as you exit)

Dedication of Our Gifts

Minute for Mission:

"A Mish-Kid of China: Betty Gale"

The United Church of Canada has a rich history of saints who have gone before us but whose influence is still being felt. For many in the west end of Toronto, it was one strong, kind woman who showed those who encountered her just what amazing things Mission & Service can do. Betty Gale (née Thompson) was one of these saints. Betty grew up in China as one of several "mish-kids" born to missionary parents in North China. She returned in the 1930s, after nursing training in Canada, at the urging of Dr. Robert McClure, and it was there that she met and married Dr. Godfrey Gale. They had their first child, Margie, just before the Japanese invaded China in 1941, which led first to house arrest and then three years of interment in POW camps around North China. Betty kept a journal of her family's time during the war, detailing the poor treatment and horrible conditions of the buildings they lived in. But even during the worst times, Betty was always able to find something funny or hopeful to share. The Second World War took its toll on the missionaries. Years later, Betty and Godfrey gave a painful account of the illness and death of Eric Liddell, a Scottish missionary and athlete in the 1924 Olympics, another mish-kid who had returned to China to work within his family's mission. His story became famous in the 1981 movie *Chariots of Fire*. The missionaries' passion for making a difference in the lives of people in other parts of the world, as well as at home, has inspired many to follow in their footsteps. Betty and Godfrey's story and passion live on in those they have influenced. Thanks to Mission & Service, they are part of a great cloud of witnesses that The United Church of Canada of today is built on. We will remember them! If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (VU916)

**All 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.

Closing Hymn: VU642

“Be Thou My Vision”

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: As our time together comes to an end...

All: ...the presence of the Holy stirs us to live faithfully and love openly!

One: May we share that presence as we go about the rest of our week.

All: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!

Music as We Depart

Please remain seated until a Greeter comes and indicates that it is your turn to leave the sanctuary. Please proceed directly to the exit. If you require the lift, please, remain seated and a Greeter will let you know when the correct time is to proceed directly to the lift.

To allow for smooth exiting of the building please refrain from gathering in the hallways and entryways and maintain social distancing at all times, even in the parking lot.

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world.

Regional Council Prayer Cycle
for the week of November 1st, 2020

Trinity United Church, Omemee
[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS SUNDAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Duty	<i>Jaymes Winch</i>
Elevator Operators	<i>Kathy Common, Paula Winch</i>
Ushers/Greeters	<i>Daphne & Tom Arnott</i>
Registration	<i>Bev Sherwin</i>
Scripture Reader	<i>Karen Strano</i>
Congregational Elder	<i>Mary Hess Northey</i>
Video	<i>Nelson Pickett</i>
Videographer	<i>Kathy Common</i>
Sound	<i>Alex Brunton</i>

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