

## NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

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### Music as We Gather

#### Welcome, Celebrations, Life and Work of the Community

#### 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.

#### Call to Worship:

One: We have many gifts within and among us.

**All: Called to share our gifts with each other and the Holy.**

One: Like the wine at the wedding in Cana, our gifts should be shared all the time, not just when they will be noticed and remembered.

**All: Called celebrate and explore our gifts as we worship.**

One: Let us worship.

**All: Let us worship the Holy. Amen.**

#### Hymn: VU331

“The Church’s One Foundation”

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation by water and the Word;  
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be  
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
- 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name professing and at one table fed,  
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

3 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, 'How  
long?'  
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,  
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is  
won.  
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

## Lighting the Christ Candle

### Opening Prayer

#### Words of Assurance:

One: The Holy promises us eternal presence.

**All: As we offer prayers for growth and new life on our  
journey through Epiphany in search of Emmanuel, the  
eternal presence reminds us we do not have to be  
perfect. If we name and own our mistakes while  
working to correct them, we will find forgiveness.**

One: In the name of the Incarnate One...

**All: Amen.**

**First Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*Jacquie Jameson*

<sup>12:1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**Responsive Selection: VU762**

from Psalm 36:5-10

*Led by Jacquie Jameson*

One: Your steadfast love, O God,

**All: extends to the heavens.**

One: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**All: Your righteousness is like the mountains, O God, your judgements are like the great deep; all living things you save.**

One: Your steadfast love, O God,

**All: extends to the heavens.**

One: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All People may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**All: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

One: Your steadfast love, O God,

**All: extends to the heavens.**

One: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

**All: Continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright in heart.**

One: Your steadfast love, O God,

**All: extends to the heavens.**

**Music for Meditation**

**Gospel Lesson:** John 2:1-11

*Jacquie Jameson*

2:1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

**All: ...may we hear the stories from our faith history that prepare us to embrace the intimate presence of the Holy alive in all of us.**

One: In the name of Jesus, the Incarnate One...

**All: ...Amen.**

**Hymn: VU226**

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,

hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light, R

3 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, R

4 For each perfect gift sublime  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, R

**Meditation:** *“The Best of Times, The Worst of Times”*

**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.**

**Hymn: VU506**

*“Take My Life and Let it Be”*

1 Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, all for thee;

take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 2 Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.
- 3 Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.
- 4 Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 5 Take my love: and I will pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

### **Invitation to Offer Our Gifts**

### **Dedication of Our Gifts**

**A Minute for Mission:** *“You Give Skills for Life: Kathleen’s Story”*  
Jacquie Jameson

Camp is more than a holiday. It gives young people skills that last a lifetime.

Kathleen is a special education teacher, a busy mom of three children under the age of five, and a youth and young adults coordinator at her church. She says her early summer church camp experience continues to impact her approach to each of these important roles.

“Camp taught me that children are precious and we’re there to help them and guide them. Vespers taught me to take a deep breath in times of stress. Chaplains showed me how to bring out the best in children and draw out their talents. All those things I learned from camp I now apply to my everyday world, including motherhood,” says Kathleen.

Kathleen grew up in very formal churches where she felt she had to be perfect all the time. Outdoors, in an informal setting, her faith blossomed.

“I never felt really connected to God before going to camp. It opened up my perspective of what church is. My relationship with God expanded. I learned to pray, to reflect, and to experience God in nature.”

Those early lessons continue to ground Kathleen in trying moments.

“Today, because I learned to connect with God in nature, I can take time to reflect and I can show God’s love. When I’m too stressed, I can take a quick look at a bird or tree and remember that God is with me when a student is expressing their frustration. Staying calm and showing God’s love is huge. It goes a long way. I remind my own children that God is with them, even in the hardest times too,” she says.

Before COVID, approximately 20,000 children attended a United Church camp every year. During the pandemic, many camps provided virtual support to young people during lockdown.

“I just want to say a huge thank you to Mission & Service donors for their support of camps,” says Kathleen. “I wouldn’t be where I am today if it weren’t for their support. Thank you.”

### **Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer (VU916):**

One: Let us share together in a paraphrase of the Jesus Prayer...

**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: VU342**

“You Servants of God”

- 1 You servants of God, your Saviour proclaim,  
and publish abroad that wonderful name;  
the name all victorious of Jesus extol,  
whose kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
- 2 God rules from on high, almighty to save,  
whose Word still is nigh, a presence we have.  
The great congregation God's triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
- 3 Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son!  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
bow down in deep reverence and worship the Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore and give as is right,  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honour and blessing with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

**Blessing as We Go Forth:**

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

**All:** ...**the Spirit of the Creator stirs us to live faithfully  
and love openly as we continue to welcome  
Emmanuel, God – with – us.**



One: As we journey together with each other and our Creator during this Epiphany Season, may the Eternal Light of the Holy shine brightly as we live and love together in faith.

All: **In the name of the Incarnate One, Amen and Amen!**

**Music as We Depart**

### **Prayer Cycle**

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 January 16, 2022

**Haliburton Pastoral Charge  
Haliburton United Church  
Ingoldsby United Church  
Lochlin United Church**

*[East Central Ontario Regional Council]*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Ontario COVID-19 Restrictions:**

#### **GATHERINGS**

- Social gathering limits will be reduced to five people indoors and 10 people outdoors.
- Capacity will be limited at organized public events to five people indoors.
- Businesses and organizations will need to ensure employees work remotely unless the nature of their work requires them to be on-site.

#### **REDUCED CAPACITY LIMITS**

- Capacity at indoor weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites and ceremonies will be limited to 50 per cent capacity of a particular room. Outdoor services are limited to the number of people that can maintain two metres of physical distance. Social gatherings associated with these services must adhere to the social gathering limits.

*\*\*Northminster United Church has always set our capacity limited to “less” than required amount to keep everyone socially distanced. We will continue to have in-person worship services. We asked that if you do not feel well or have symptoms, to please stay home.*

*Due to the increased numbers relating to the covid-19 variants of concern it will be prudent to know who is coming to the office and for what purpose. Please make an appointment [in advance] by calling the office at 705-748-4881. Thank you for your cooperation.*

“Worship Services” and “Prayer” videos continue weekly on our YouTube channel, which can be found on our website: [www.northminsteruc.ca](http://www.northminsteruc.ca)

“**Grief & Loss in a Time of Pandemic**” meeting will resume when we can have more than 10 people able to gather indoors.

**OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. by Zoom. A link will be emailed out closer to the date.

**NEXT WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**AFFIRM MEETING** is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 1;30 p.m. This will however be determined by Ontario COVID-19 Restrictions. Please watch for updates.

All Covid-19 protocols are still in place. Masks “must” be worn at all times, if you do not have a mask, we will provide one to you. Social distancing must be kept and hand sanitizer used.

If you are planning to attend the Sunday Worship Service, we ask that you pre-register on “Eventbrite” located on our website at [www.northminsteruc.ca](http://www.northminsteruc.ca) . Please call the church office if you have difficulties in doing so and we would be happy to do it for you. 705-748-4881 ***[leave a message if after office hours]***

“Proof of Vaccination” is required to enter the building, this includes for Worship services, weddings & funerals. **Proof of Vaccination will be checked every week, so please make sure to have your information with you.**

**Attention Volunteers:**

If you are a Sunday volunteer, i.e. Duty Person, Elevator Person, Usher, scripture reader, etc. Please make sure to register on “Eventbrite”

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