

## **NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

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*Second Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Northminster United Church 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

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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:**

Honouring the Unexpected Call of the Holy

*Please stand for the Opening Hymn*

#### **Opening Hymn: VU678** "For the Healing of the Nations"

- 1 For the healing of the nations,  
God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.
  
- 2 Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release;  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.

Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

- 3 All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.
- 4 You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that, by our response and service,  
earth its destiny may find. < >

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

### **Call to Worship:**

One: The Holy calls us from unexpected places.

**All: The Holy calls us at unexpected times.**

One: The Holy challenges us in unprecedented circumstances.

**All: The Holy journeys with us in all time and space.**

One: Let us worship!

**All: Let us worship together!**

### **Opening Prayer**

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

One: The promise of a Pentecost driven faith inspires us to live  
and love together in this complex world in which we find  
ourselves.

**All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, we  
can be a transformative presence in Creation.**

**Old Testament Lesson:** 1 Samuel 3:1-20      *Mary Hess Northey*

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli.  
The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not  
widespread.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that  
he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God  
had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of

the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' <sup>17</sup>Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.'

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

**Psalm Selection: VU861**

(from Psalm 139)  
*Led by Mary Hess Northey*

Refrain

*Hal H. Hopson 1989*

God, you have searched me, you know me through and through.

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One O God, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**All You discern my path and the places I rest;  
you are familiar with all my ways.**

One Before a word is on my tongue,  
you know it, O God, completely.  
You guard me from behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**All It is beyond my knowledge; it is a mystery;  
I cannot fathom it. R**

One Where can I escape from your spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

**All If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I lie down in the grave, you are even there.**

One If I take wing with the dawn  
and alight at the sea's farthest limits,

**All there also your hand will be guiding me  
your powerful hand holding me fast.**

One If I say, 'Let the darkness cover me  
and my day be turned to night,'

**All even darkness is not dark to you:  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you. R**

One It was you who formed my inward parts;  
you fashioned me in my mother's womb.

**All I praise you, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made.  
Wondrous are your works; that I know very well.**

One My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was being fashioned in secret,  
intricately woven in the mystery of clay.

**All Your eyes saw my substance taking shape;  
in your book my every day was recorded;  
all my days were fashioned,  
even before they came to be. R**

One How deep your designs are to me, O God!  
How great their number!

**All I try to count them but they are more than the sand.  
I come to the end - I am still with you.**

One Search me, O God, and know my heart;

**All test me and know my thoughts.**

One Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error

**All and guide me in the everlasting way. R**

*Please remain seated*

**Hymn: VU345**

“Come, Children, Join to Sing”

1 Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!  
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!  
Let all with heart and voice,  
saved by God's gracious choice,  
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!  
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!  
Christ calls his people friends,  
the helpless he defends,  
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!

3 Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!  
Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!  
The whole creation o'er  
let all God's love adore,  
singing for evermore: Hallelujah! < >

**Young at Heart Time:**

“Surprise! Surprise!”

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 2:23 – 3:6

*Mary Hess Northey*

<sup>2:23</sup> One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to him, ‘Look, why are they doing what is not lawful

on the sabbath?’<sup>25</sup> And he said to them, ‘Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food?’<sup>26</sup> He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.’<sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, ‘The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath;’<sup>28</sup> so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.’

3 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand.<sup>2</sup> They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him.<sup>3</sup> And he said to the man who had the withered hand, ‘Come forward.’<sup>4</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?’ But they were silent.<sup>5</sup> He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.<sup>6</sup> The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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:** *“The True Sabbath”*

**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: VU563** "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.

R O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.

2 You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
- you will find there my nets and labour. R

3 You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labours to give others rest,  
and constant love that keeps on loving. R

4 You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me. 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**

## **A Minute for Mission:**

“Educating Future Leaders”

*Mary Hess Northey*

Mission and Service does a surprising amount of development in your local church, recruiting new ministers and funding theological schools. It even shapes the hymn books you sing from every service.

Another important way Mission and Service supports local ministry: by providing academic bursaries for students studying to become ministers and theological leaders.

“The church has a lot to offer in terms of witness to the community and supporting people who are struggling,” explains the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Janzen-Ball, the United Church’s Executive Minister for Theological Leadership.

“The money is really helpful,” she says, “but the other thing that is so important to students is realizing that people throughout the church cared enough to donate to Mission and Service.”

The Rev. Alexa Gilmour received one of these bursaries when she was still a ministry candidate. “I was a single parent, and I knew I couldn’t get through without support,” Gilmour says. “I felt blessed by God through people who donated and who, by giving, encouraged me on my journey. I have tremendous gratitude for that important role the church played in my life at that time.”

Janzen-Ball wants you to know that your gifts do matter.

“They matter both tangibly in peoples’ lives in a real way but also in intangible ways because they signal the support of the wider community,” she says. “The care of people who are strangers to one another—the importance and impact of that can’t be overstated.

“Giving to Mission and Service is an opportunity to support future and current leaders. Those gifts make a significant difference.”

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

(VU916, paraphrase)

**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.**

*Please stand for the Closing Hymn*

**Closing Hymn: VU654**                      **“All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded”**

- 1        All my hope is firmly grounded  
              in our great and living Lord;  
              who, whenever I most need him,  
              never fails to keep his word.  
              God I must wholly trust,  
              God the ever good and just.
  
- 2        Tell me, who can trust our nature,  
              human, weak, and insecure?  
              Which of all the airy castles  
              can the hurricane endure?  
              Built on sand, naught can stand  
              by our earthly wisdom planned.
  
- 3        But in every time and season,  
              out of love's abundant store,  
              God sustains the whole creation,  
              fount of life forevermore.  
              We who share earth and air  
              count on God's unfailing care.
  
- 4        Thank, O thank, our great Creator,  
              through God's only Son this day;

God alone, the heavenly potter,  
made us out of earth and clay.  
Quick to heed, strong in deed,  
God shall all the people feed. < >

**Blessing as We Go Forth:**

One: Let us go from this place experiencing the wind and flame  
of the Spirit of Pentecost.

**All: We go in celebration.**

One: Let us go from this place living within the Spirit of  
Pentecost.

**All: We go in love.**

One: Let us go from this place sharing the Spirit of Pentecost.

**All: We go in hope and peace.**

One: Let us go in peace.

**All: Peace be with us! 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 June 2, 2024

**Buckhorn Pastoral Charge**

**Curve Lake United Church**

**Wesley United Church**

*[East Central Ontario Regional Council]*

***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for June 2<sup>nd</sup>***

Duty	Dave Thom
Elevator	Wayne Doherty
Greeters	Kathy Thom, Bruce Newmaster Debbie & Martin Noakes
Scripture Reader	Mary Hess Northey
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/AI Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Ken Nash, John Taylor
Coffee Fellowship	Christian Education
Coffee Fellowship (July)	Mission & Outreach

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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, we ask that you place money in a separate envelope clearly marked as “*Donation to Kawartha Food Share*” also include your name or envelope number. ***Please make cheques payable to: “Northminster United Church”***. This can be placed on the offering plate. **Next date: June 9<sup>th</sup>**. We also accept Interac  
NUC Treasurer: [treasurernuc@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

**TUESDAY COFFEE HOUR** has begun and will continue to June 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Each Tuesday 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

**NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH  
GEORGIAN BAY CRUISE**

**June 27, 2024**

*Be sure to get the details . . .*

*Ask a greeter for a copy of the information sheet*

*Can also be found on the website.*

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Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> - **Congregational Meeting** will take place  
immediately following the Worship Service.

**PRIDE United 100 T-Shirts** are available to purchase from St. James' United Church. The t-shirt was created for the people marching in the PRIDGE parade on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Anyone can purchase a t-shirt – even if you are not going to be at the parade. The cost is \$28.72. If you are interested, please speak with John Taylor, Affirm Ministry for further information or at the office. Deadline to purchase is June 21<sup>st</sup>.



