

## **NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

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**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at 10 am**

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### Transfiguration Sunday & Communion

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#### **Music as We Gather**

#### **Welcome**

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

As we gather, we acknowledge that Northminster United Church and the communities it serves 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 Glory of the Holy

*Please stand for Opening Hymn*

**Opening Hymn: VU264** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;

we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee! < >

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

### **Call to Worship:**

One: The Holy calls us to gather together.

**All: Called into the eternal glory of the Holy.**

One: We are called to open ourselves to the Holy.

**All: Called to faith-filled living.**

One: Let us worship!

**All: Let us worship together!**

### **Opening Prayer**

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

One: The promise of the Epiphany Season is the ever-present  
Light of the Holy.

**All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, as we  
find ourselves transfigured by eternal glory, we can  
live faithfully and authentically as children of the Holy.**

**First Lesson:** Exodus 34:29-35

*Dianne Kraft*

<sup>34:29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of

Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**Psalm Selection: VU819** (from Psalm 99) *Led by Dianne Kraft*

**Psalm 99**

Refrain

*James McGranahan 1883*



You rule with jus - tice in de - light, and faith - ful - ness main - tain.

**Refrain: You rule with justice in delight, and faithfulness maintain.**

One You reign, O God, and the peoples tremble,  
you sit enthroned upon the cherubim, and the earth is quaking.

**All You, O God, are great in Zion,  
you are exalted over all the nations.**

One Let them praise your great and awesome name:  
holy are you and mighty, a ruler who delights in justice.

**All You have determined what is fair,  
you have done in Jacob what is just and right. R**

One Moses and Aaron were among your priests,  
Miriam\* among those who called on your name;  
they called to you, God, and you answered.

**All In the pillar of cloud you spoke to them,  
they kept your teachings and the law that you gave them.**

One O God, our God, you answered them;

**All to them you were a forgiving God,  
though you punished their offences.**

One Proclaim the greatness of God  
and worship on God's holy hill;

**All for God, our God, is the Holy One. R**

**Hymn: VU688**

“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

- 1 O day of God, draw nigh  
in beauty and in power,  
come with your timeless judgement now  
to match our present hour.
- 2 Bring to our troubled minds,  
uncertain and afraid,  
the quiet of a steadfast faith,  
calm of a call obeyed.
- 3 Bring justice to our land,  
that all may dwell secure,  
and finely build for days to come  
foundations that endure.
- 4 Bring to our world of strife  
your sovereign word of peace,  
that war may haunt the earth no more  
and desolation cease.
- 5 O day of God, draw nigh  
as at creation's birth;  
let there be light again, and set  
your judgements in the earth. < >

**Young at Heart Time:**

“Glow Worms and Fireflies”

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 9:28-43

Dianne Kraft

<sup>9:28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the

cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

<sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' <sup>42</sup> While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

## Response

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 by the Spirit of the Holy.**

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

**All: Amen.**

**Meditation:** *"Mountain Top Experience"*

## 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.**

## **We Receive the Offering**

**Doxology: VU542**

“We Give You But Your Own”

We give you but your own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is yours alone,  
we give it gratefully. < >

## **Dedication of Our Gifts**

**Stewardship Presentation:**

*Treasurer Dave Underhill*

**Hymn: VU368**

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

- 1 Holy Spirit, truth divine,  
dawn upon this soul of mine.  
Voice of God and inward light,  
wake my Spirit, clear my sight.
- 2 Holy Spirit, love divine,  
glow within this heart of mine.  
Kindle every high desire,  
purify me with your fire.
- 3 Holy Spirit, power divine,  
fill and nerve this will of mine.  
Boldly may I always live,  
bravely serve, and gladly give.
- 4 Holy Spirit, law divine,  
reign within this soul of mine.  
Be my law, and I shall be  
firmly bound, forever free.
- 5 Holy Spirit, peace divine,  
still this restless heart of mine.  
Speak to calm this tossing sea,  
grant me your tranquillity.

6 Holy Spirit, joy divine,  
gladden now this heart of mine.  
In the desert ways I sing;  
spring, O living water, spring! < >

## The Sacrament of Communion

*Please stand for Closing Hymn*

### Closing Hymn: VU371 – “Open My Eyes That I May See”

- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 2 Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 3 Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine! < >

### Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place with hope and celebration.

**All: Let us go from this place with peace and compassion.**

One: Let us go from this place with joy and celebration.

**All: Let us go from this place love and inclusion.**

One: Let us go from this place sharing the Transfigured presence of the Holy in all of us. Amen.

**All: Amen.**

**Sung Blessing: VU964**

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace, go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you everywhere,  
everywhere you may go. < >

**Music as the Worship Service Concludes**

***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK’S VOLUNTEERS for Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>***

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Duty                      | Jaymes Winch               |
| Elevator                  | Paula Winch                |
| Greeters                  | Carol & Jack Murduff       |
|                           | Joyce Armstrong            |
| Scripture Reader          | Dianne Kraft               |
| Sunday School Coordinator | Maggie Crawford            |
| Nursery Coordinator       | Gale Osmond                |
| Sound                     | Al Bartholomew/Gale Osmond |
| Video                     | Nelson Pickett/Gale Osmond |
| Videographer              | Kathy Common               |
| Fellowship                | Finance                    |
| Fellowship (Apr)          | Mission & Outreach         |

~~Announcements~~

**2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** that were not picked up have been mailed.

**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: March 9<sup>th</sup>**. We also accept eTransfers to: [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.

**PASTORAL CARE:** If you know someone that is in the hospital that we should know about, please call the office and let us know. The hospital does not notify us & there is no longer access to a church list. If calling the church after hours, please leave a message 705-748-4881.

Please keep in mind, we all need to take care of each other.

**GRACE BUCK INCOME TAX SERVICE** will be preparing Income Tax returns again this year at Northminster. Scheduled dates: March 11<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, and April 22<sup>nd</sup>. For further information please call 705-745-4303

**Your Life. Your Legacy Presentation:** Interactive discussion on the advantages of pre-arranging a funeral. A light lunch & beverage will be served on **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** will be held following Worship service on **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to attend. This is the time to ask your questions...

**MARCH BREAK...**Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>