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5th Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

Opening Hymn: VU333

“Love Divine”

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

- 2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

- 3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

Welcome, Celebrations, Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: The tomb is empty! Alleluia!

All: As we live a resurrection faith, the Holy calls us to inclusion.

One: Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

All: Inclusion within our communities. Inclusion within our relationships. Inclusion celebrating the presence of the Risen Christ in our lives, informing and transforming our faith.

One: The tomb is empty! Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Let us worship with joy and celebration.

One: Let us worship together.

All: Let us worship the Holy. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: Out of the empty tomb, the Holy calls us to love and forgiveness as we have been loved and forgiven.

All: As we reflect on who and whose we are, let us always remember we are children of the Holy.

One: In the name of Jesus, the Risen One, our sibling and friend...

All: Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

(Judith Tansley)

^{11:1} Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with

them?”⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

(Judith Tansley)

^{21:1} Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Psalm Selection: VU870 (Sung) “Let All Creation Bless the Lord”
(from Psalm 148)

1 Let all creation bless the Lord,
till heaven with praise is ringing.
Sun, moon, and stars peal out a chord,
stir up the angels' singing.
Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet!
make music, day, night, cold, and heat:
exalt the God who made you.

2 All living things upon the earth,
green fertile hills and mountains,
sing to the God who gave you birth;
be joyful, springs and fountains.
Lithe waterlife, bright airborne birds,
wild roving beasts, tame flocks and herds:
exalt the God who made you.

3 O men and women everywhere,
lift up a hymn of glory;
all you who know God's steadfast care,
tell out salvations's story.
No tongue be silent; sing your part,
you humble souls and meek of heart:
exalt the God who made you.

Young at Heart Time:

“A New Rule”

Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35

(Judith Tansley)

^{13:31} When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new

commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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 of the empty tomb.

Reader: In the name of Jesus, the Risen One...

All: ...Amen.

Hymn: VU595

“The Servant Song”

- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 2 Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Meditation:

“All Things Made New”

Music for Meditation

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: VU602

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
 our hearts in Christian love;
 the unity of heart and mind
 is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Maker's throne
 we pour our ardent prayers;
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
 our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share each other's woes,
 each other's burdens bear;
 and often for each other flows
 the sympathizing tear.

- 4 This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love
in God's eternal day.

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts

Dedication of Our Gifts

An Environmental Minute: *(Judith Tansley)*
“Why Do We Need Glaciers and Sea Ice”

Ice acts like a protective cover over the Earth and our oceans. These bright white spots reflect excess heat back into space and keep the planet cooler. In theory, the Arctic remains colder than the equator because more of the heat from the sun is reflected off the ice, back into space.

Glaciers around the world can range from ice that is several hundred to several thousand years old and provide a scientific record of how climate has changed over time. Through their study, we gain valuable information about the extent to which the planet is rapidly warming. They provide scientists a record of how climate has changed over time.

Today, about 10% of land area on Earth is covered with glacial ice. Almost 90% is in Antarctica, while the remaining 10% is in the Greenland ice cap.

Rapid **glacial** melt in Antarctica and Greenland also influences ocean currents, as massive amounts of very cold glacial-melt water entering warmer ocean waters is slowing ocean currents. And as ice on land melts, sea levels will continue to rise.

Sea ice forms and melts strictly in the ocean whereas glaciers are formed on land. Icebergs are chunks of glacial ice that break off glaciers and fall into the ocean.

When **glaciers** melt, because that water is stored on land, the runoff significantly increases the amount of water in the ocean, contributing to global sea level rise.

Sea ice, on the other hand, is often compared to ice cubes in a glass of water: when it melts, it does not directly change the level of water in the glass. Instead, depleting Arctic sea ice triggers a host of other devastating consequences—from depleting available ice on which

walrus can haul out or polar bears hunt to changing weather systems around the world by altering the pattern of the Jet stream.

Since the early 1900s, many glaciers around the world have been rapidly melting. Human activities are at the root of this phenomenon. Specifically, since the industrial revolution, carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions have raised temperatures, even higher in the poles, and as a result, glaciers are rapidly melting, calving off into the sea and retreating on land.

Even if we significantly curb emissions in the coming decades, more than a third of the world's remaining glaciers will melt before the year 2100. When it comes to **sea ice**, 95% of the oldest and thickest ice in the Arctic is already gone.

Scientists project that if emissions continue to rise unchecked, the Arctic could be ice free in the summer as soon as the year 2040 as ocean and air temperatures continue to rise rapidly.

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:

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

R *And they’ll know we are Christians, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land: R

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride: R

All praise to the Father, from who all things come
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who make us one: R

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 our journey to Jerusalem appears
to have ended with a new beginning.**

One: As we journey together with each other and our Creator
during this Resurrection season, may our reflections and
discussions transform our actions and attitudes as we live
and love together in faith.

All: In the name of the Risen One, Amen and Amen!

Music as We Depart

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 May 15, 2022

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge
St. Paul's United Church, Ajax

[*East Central Ontario Regional Council*]

"Worship Services" and "Prayer" videos continue weekly on our YouTube channel, which can be found on our website: www.northminsteruc.ca

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS-May 15

Duty	<i>Jaymes Winch</i>
Elevator	<i>Wayne Doherty</i>
Ushers/Greeters	<i>Alex Brunton, Sheila Godby</i>
Scripture Reader	<i>Judith Tansley</i>
Congregational Elder	<i>Mary Hess Northey</i>
Sound	<i>Bill VanTol / Alex Brunton</i>
Video	<i>Ron Kervin/Nelson Pickett</i>
Videographer	<i>Kathy Common</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone for making the "Muffin Party" so successful. After a long hiatus, it was wonderful to have everyone enjoying themselves. We made a profit of \$1,704.37

AFFIRM COMMITTEE MEETING, meet on Tuesday, June 14th at 1 p.m.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on Tuesday, June 14th at 7 pm in Lower Wright Hall.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7 pm. in Lower Wright Hall

PRAYER SHAWLS are about healing, comfort, strength, community, love, and the thoughts you stitch into it. If you know anyone that could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please contact Bev Sherwin, 705-742-6797.