

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 10 am

Day of Pentecost

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:

Opening Hymn: VU337

“Blessed Assurance”

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.
- R This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.
- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. R
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;

watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. R

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: Today is Pentecost, our birthday across the Church.

All: **Holy One, breathe your Spirit into us as we celebrate.**

One: Jesus is risen and breathes into us with words of peace.

All: **Holy One, renew us, restore us, and move us with your Spirit of peace.**

One Let us worship together.

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The promise of God for all of us at Easter and Pentecost is the Promise of New Life.

All: **In response, let each of us breathe out the Spirit of Jesus into God's world.**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-4

Ruth Murray

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Responsive Selection: VU818 Refrain 2

from Psalm 98

Led by Ruth Murray

Psalm 98

Refrain 2

Mary Kay Beall 1993

Unison F B \flat F Cm7 C7 F

All the ends of the earth have seen the sav-ing pow-er of God.

One Sing to God a new song,

All for God has done marvellous things.

One Your right hand and your holy arm have brought victory.

**All You have made known your salvation,
and revealed before the nations your saving power.**

One You have remembered your steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**All all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation
of our God. R**

One Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

All break into joyous praise, sing psalms.

One Sing psalms to God with the harp,

All with the harp and melodious voice.

One With trumpets, and the sound of the horn

All make a joyful noise before our sovereign God. R

One Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

All the world, and its inhabitants.

One Let the rivers clap their hands,

All the hills sing together for joy before God.

One You come to judge the earth, O God,

**All to judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity. R**

Young at Heart Time:

“The Birthday Party”

Second Reading: John 20:19-23

Ruth Murray

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

Hymn: VU421

“Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”

- 1 Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.
 In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
 Our slavery left behind us,
 new hopes within us grow.
 We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.

- 2 Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
 but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
 We are not lost, though wandering,
 for by your light we come,
 and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.

- 3 Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
 and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
 We pray our sons and daughters
 may journey to that land
 where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.

Meditation:

“Take a deep breath”

Music for Meditation

The New Creed:

One Let us stand as we are able and 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.

We Receive the Offering

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

Affirming Minutes “Holy Manners” *Nola Wilson*

From an early age, each of us is given instruction and insight about appropriate behavior. In our families and in school we are taught the importance of manners. We learn the importance of the basics of saying please and thank you. We are taught to share and to respect one another.

However, sometimes, as adults, we forget the basics of our relationship with one another. Yes, even in the Church. In 2012 The United Church of Canada drafted a document at the 41st General Council to help define the way in which we are called to work together.

It reads, “each of us is a sibling in Christ ... therefore, we embrace the following Christian virtues that honour God and promote right relationship between us as we gather together and learn from one another. We promise to relate to one another with:

*Respect
Humility
Patience
Open-mindedness
Courage; and*

The spirit of grace and forgiveness we have received in Christ Jesus.”

(The entire document can be found in the Appendix of the United Church Manual.)

As an affirming Congregation of faith, we are called to live lives with holy manners. We are called to hear one another, but also to listen to one another.

As followers of Jesus let us respect one another as children of the holy and celebrate the rich diversity of our gifts. In Jesus name. Amen.

Hymn: VU567

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

- 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go

where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Prayers of the People and the Jesus 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:

“I Am Thine”

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.

*R Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou has died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, loving side.*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine. Refrain

O the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend! Refrain

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee. Refrain

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place knowing the Resurrection
Promise of the Holy.

All: We go in celebration.

One: Let us go from this place living the Resurrection
Promise of the Holy.

All: We go in love.

One: Let us go from this place sharing the Resurrection
Promise of the Holy.

All: We go in peace.

One: Let us go in peace.

All: Peace be with us! 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 May 28, 2023

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

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 11th**

TUESDAY COFFEE HOUR at Northminster United Church in Upper Wright Hall from 10:00 am to 11:00 am begins May 2nd and continues through June.

Our Sunday School programme will conclude for the season on June 18th, 2023

Choir rehearsal continue Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm here at the church. Please come out and join an enthusiastic group of folks who love to sing and share their gift of music. The choir will go on summer hiatus towards the end of June.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Greeters, elevator operators and Sunday Duty persons. If you are not already on our volunteer list, please consider helping out. See Bev Sherwin after church or call 705-742-6797 or by email to: bsherwin@nexicom.net

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for May 28

Duty	<i>n/a</i>
Elevator	<i>Carrie Varga</i>
Greeters	<i>Carol & Jack Murduff Debbie Campbell, Shirley Challice</i>
Scripture Reader	<i>Ruth Murray</i>
Affirm Minutes	<i>Nola Wilson</i>
Congregational Elder	<i>Mary Hess Northey</i>
Sunday School	<i>Maggie Crawford</i>
Sound	<i>Bill VanTol / Alex Brunton/ Al Bartholomew</i>
Video	<i>Ron Kervin/Nelson Pickett</i>
Videographer	<i>Kathy Common</i>
Coffee Fellowship (May)	<i>Worship Committee</i>
Coffee Fellowship (June)	<i>Affirming Committee</i>