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Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 10 am

26th Sunday after 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: Honouring Commitment and Faith

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU660

“How Firm a Foundation”

- 1 How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.
- 3 'When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

- 4 'When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.
- 5 'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!' < >

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: We are called to commitment by the Holy.

All: Called to believe.

One: We are called to faithfulness by the Holy.

All: Called to trust.

One: We are called to action by the Holy.

All: Called to solidarity.

One: Let us worship!

All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The promise of our faith is that we are always surrounded
by the love and peace of the Holy.

**All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, we
can live faithfully and authentically as children of the
Holy.**

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 1:4-20

Dianne Kraft

^{1:4} On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵ but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. ⁶ Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. ⁷ So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸ Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?'

⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: 'O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

¹²As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' ¹⁵But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' ¹⁷Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' ¹⁸And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

Responsive Selection: VU878 (Sung) – (from 1 Samuel 2:1-10)

- 1 My soul is filled with joy in my Redeemer,
for God has lifted me and set me high.
There is no Holy One, no Rock like our God,
who answered my request, who heard my cry.

- 2 All those who talk with pride now see who God is,
who weighs our deeds and knows our every move.
Proud ones are humbled, but the poor are lifted;
all might and power are yours, O God of love.

- 3 The strong have fallen, but the weak are strengthened;
 those who were hungry have enough to spare.
 She who was barren sees her children's children;
 all things are ever in your loving care.
- 4 O God, you set the earth on sure foundations;
 help for your saints is found in you alone.
 Those who oppose your truth will fall in judgement,
 but you will strengthen your anointed one. < >

Hymn: VU314

“Come Now, Almighty King”

- 1 Come now, almighty King,
 help us your name to sing, help us to praise;
 one God all glorious, ever victorious,
 come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come now, incarnate Son,
 your life in us begun, our prayer attend;
 come, and your people bless,
 come, give your word success;
 establish your righteousness, Saviour and friend!
- 3 Come holy Comforter,
 your sacred witness bear in this glad hour;
 your grace to us impart, now rule in every heart,
 never from us depart, Spirit of power!
- 4 To the great One in Three,
 eternal praises be for evermore;
 your sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
 and to eternity love and adore! < >

Young at Heart Time:

“An Unexpected Blessing”

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:1-8

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^{13:1} As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ ²Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are

about to be accomplished?’⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray.⁶ Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray.⁷ When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Responses

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:

“Given”

Music for Meditation

Please stand for the New Creed

The New Creed

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: 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

Minute for Mission: *Dianne Kraft*
“Our Journey Towards Becoming an Anti-Racist Church”

From October 15 to November 26, 2024, the 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism program offers daily and weekly opportunities for learning, reflection, and action.

This year, dynamic speakers will be offering live events each Tuesday of the 40 Days at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Small study groups will accompany each event, giving learners and leaders the opportunity to explore the content more deeply.

The program, designed to move people through a journey towards becoming anti-racist, offers an opportunity for participants within the United Church and beyond to engage in learning and develop their faith.

Written reflections explore internalized racism, systemic racism, anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism, and more. The readings encourage deep, thought-provoking discussion for both individuals and communities of faith.

The United Church of Canada has committed to becoming an anti-racist denomination, and this work is an ongoing journey for everyone. Your Mission and Service gifts support expanding this crucial initiative each year.

Hymn: VU682 “O Day of Peace”

1 O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Prayers of the People and Jesus Prayer: (VU916, A 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: VU425 "God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

1 God, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;

let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace;
O refresh us, O refresh us,
travelling through the wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound;
may your presence, may your presence,
with us evermore be found. < >

Blessing as We Go Forth:

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

All: We go in joy.

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

All: We go in faith.

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

All: We go in anticipation.

One: We go in peace.

All: Peace be with us! Amen!

Sung Blessing:

“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 November 17, 2024

Highland Hills United Church, Minden

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for Nov 17

Duty	Nelson Pickett
Elevator	Wayne Doherty
Greeters	Carol & Jack Murduff, Gale Osmond
Scripture Reader	Dianne Kraft
Minute for Mission	Dianne Kraft
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/Al Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Ken Nash/John Taylor
Coffee Fellowship	Affirming Ministry

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, 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: December 8th . We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: 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 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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS If you are not on our weekly email list and would like to be, please let us know by sending us an email to: info@northminsteruc.ca

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN is Wednesday mornings. If you have an announcement you want placed in the bulletin, please “email” your submission to info@northminsteruc.ca

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.

Friday, November 22nd, 2024 Come out for an evening of Italian food, wine and song to celebrate the season with your church family.

SOLD OUT!!

**** Volunteers required to help with clean up following the dinner.**

East Side Mario’s Annual Christmas Fete

Northminster United Church

Upper Wright Hall

Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

**COMMUNITY CARE PRESENTS
“MEALS TO GO” FUNDRAISER**

This year’s Holiday Meal to Go: **“Festive Jingle Bowl”**

Bowl includes mashed potato bottom topped with turkey, stuffing and gravy. Side of buttered corn and cranberry sauce. (With a dessert square and festive cookie)

Vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free and lactose-free available

Tickets are \$15.00 **must be paid in advance**

Tickets available through the week at the office.

DEADLINE to order tickets is Wednesday, November 20th

Delivered on Tuesday, December 3rd at 12 noon to the church

The coffee/tea will be made for you to serve yourself.

Please join us!

BIBLE STUDY- SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd at 1 pm (following Meals to Go luncheon) & 7 pm. Please indicated your interest on sign up sheet located in hallway on bulletin board beside Kevin’s office. Please let us know if you prefer 1 pm or 7 pm.