

# **NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

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Sunday, October 13, 2024 at 10 am

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*Creation Time 6 & Thanksgiving Sunday*

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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:** Representing a Thank-filled Heart

*Please stand for the Opening Hymn*

**Opening 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! < >

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

### **Call to Worship:**

One: The Holy calls us to honour the Spirit of Creation.

**All: Called to gather together with thank-filled hearts.**

One: The Holy calls us to move within the Spirit of Creation.

**All: Called to channel that thanksgiving into faithful living.**

One: The Holy calls us to respond to the Spirit of Creation.

**All: Called to celebrate the love of the Creator.**

One: Let us worship!

**All: Let us worship together!**

### **Opening Prayer**

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

One: The promise of the Source of all Creation is that we are never abandoned or separated from the One who created us.

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

**First Lesson:** Hebrews 4:12-16

*Cathy Underhill*

<sup>4:12</sup> Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Jesus the Great High Priest

<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Psalm Selection: VU744 (Part 1)**

from Psalm 22  
*Led by Cathy Underhill*

**Psalm 22**

Refrain (for Part One)

Donatus Vervoort 1970

Unison *Am* *F* *Em* *F* *Dm7* *Em* *Am*

My God, my God, why have you for-sak-en me?

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Part One (1-18)

One My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**All Why are you so far from helping me,  
from the cry of my distress?**

One O my God, I cry out in the daytime, but you do not answer;

**All at night also, but I get no relief. R**

One But you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

**All In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

One They called to you, and you rescued them.

**All In you they put their trust,  
and you did not disappoint them.**

One But I am a worm, less than human,  
**All an object of derision, an outcast of the people.**

One All those who see me laugh me to scorn,  
they curl their lips and toss their heads, saying:

**All 'You trusted in God for deliverance.  
If God cares for you, let God rescue you!'**

One But you are the One who took me out of the womb.  
You kept me safe on my mother's breast.

**All On you have I depended from my birth.  
Even from my mother's womb,  
you have been my God. R**

One Do not be far from me, for trouble is close at hand,

**All and there is no one to help me.**

One Many bulls encircle me,  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

**All They open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravenous, roaring lion.**

One My life pours out like water;

**All all my bones are out of joint;**

One my heart has melted like wax within my breast;

**All my mouth is parched as dry clay;**

One my tongue clings to my palate.

**All I lie in the dust of death.**

One Dogs surround me;

**All the wicked hem me in on every side.**

One They bind my hands and my feet;

**All I can count all my bones,  
while they stand staring, gloating over me.**

One They divide my garments among themselves;

**All they cast lots for my clothing. R**

**Hymn: VU353**

“’Tis the Gift to Be Simple”

’Tis the gift to be simple, ’tis the gift to be free,  
’tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,  
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
’twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,  
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;  
to turn, turn will be our delight  
’til by turning, turning, we come round right. < >

**Young at Heart Time:**

“A Simple Thanks”

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:17-31**

*Cathy Underhill*

<sup>10:17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.”’ <sup>20</sup> He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ <sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You

lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’<sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’<sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!’<sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’<sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,<sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.’<sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

### 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 Source of all Creation.**

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

**All: Amen.**

### Meditation:

*“Hard to Take”*

### Music for Meditation

*Please stand for 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**

**A Minute for Local Mission:**

*"Thanks Giving"*

**Hymn: VU517**

"Praise God for the Harvest"

- 1 Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,  
praise God for the people who gather their yield,  
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,  
the patience of science, the power of machine.
- 2 Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,  
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:  
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown  
by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.
- 3 Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and mined,  
then sifted, and smelted, and shaped, and refined;  
for oil and for iron, for copper and coal,

- 4       praise God, who in love has provided them all.  
Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,  
the urge to discover, create, and fulfil:  
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain  
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.
- 5       Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love  
from leaders and peoples, who struggle and serve  
for fairness and kindness, that all may be led  
in freedom and safety, and all may be fed. < >

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

*Please stand for the Closing Hymn*

**Closing Hymn: VU516**       “Come, You Thankful People, Come”

- 1       Come, you thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!  
          All is safely gathered in,  
          safe before the storms begin;  
God, our maker, does provide  
for our needs to be supplied:  
          come to God's own temple, come,  
          raise the song of harvest home!
- 2       All the world is God's own field,  
harvests for God's praise to yield;  
          wheat and weeds together sown,  
          here for joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
          Harvest-giver, grant that we  
          wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3       For our God, one day, shall come,  
and shall take this harvest home;  
          from the field shall in that day  
          all offences purge away;  
giving angels charge at last  
in the fire the weeds to cast;  
          but the fruitful ears to store  
          in the garner evermore.

4 Even so, God, quickly come  
to your final harvest home!  
Gather all your people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there for ever purified,  
in your presence to abide:  
come, with all your angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home. < >

**Blessing as We Go Forth:**

One: Let us go from this place honouring the Source of all  
Creation.

**All: We go in celebration.**

One: Let us go from this place cherishing the gift of Creation.

**All: We go in love.**

One: Let us go from this place sharing the gift of Creation.

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

One: Let us go from this place healing the gift of Creation. Let  
us 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 October 13, 2024

**St. Andrew’s United Church, Sunderland**

**St. James’ United Church, Brock**

*[East Central Ontario Regional Council]*



## ***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for Oct 13***

Duty	Paul Andrews
Elevator	Wayne Doherty
Greeters	Lynn Bartholomew, Ken Nash, John Taylor
Scripture Reader	Cathy Underhill
Minute for Mission	
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/Al Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Jim Boothby
Coffee Fellowship	Pastoral Care

### 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: October 13<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.

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**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:info@northminsteruc.ca)

**TELECARE DISTRESS CENTRE OF PETERBOROUGH** is recruiting telephone volunteers. Telecare offers non-judgemental active listening to worried, overwhelmed and lonely callers. For information about volunteer training and to apply, please visit [www.telecarepeterborough.org](http://www.telecarepeterborough.org). The next 50 hour training for new volunteers begins October 3rd, 2024.

**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](mailto:info@northminsteruc.ca)

**GRIEF GROUP** Beginning Wednesday, October 2, 2024 to November 6, 2024 [*6 consecutive Wednesdays*] at 10:30 am to 12 noon, Rev Kevin Derry is leading a Grief Group. Please let us know if you plan on attending. Upon arrival, please come to the office.

**Your Life. Your Legacy Presentation:** Interactive discussion on the advantages of pre-arranging a funeral. It may also include a guest presenter on related subjects such as Estate Planning, Wills and Powers of Attorney, Fraud Prevention. A light lunch & beverage will be served on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Watch for further details.

**A MEMORIAL WALL of REMEMBRANCE** has been created on the bulletin board just outside the office for All Saints' Sunday on November 3rd. Please feel free to add a picture or write down words of remembrance. They will remain displayed until after Remembrance Day.

# Broadview

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