

## **NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

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Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 10 am

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*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Reformation 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:** Celebrating a Reformed Faith

*Please stand for the Opening Hymn*

**Opening Hymn: VU326** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of God's grace.
- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.
- 3 He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken-hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

4 Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,  
your tongues again employ;  
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,  
and leap, you lame, for joy!

5 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of your name.

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

### **Call to Worship:**

One: We are called to honour the transformation and reformation of our faith.

**All: Called to celebrate the growth and nurture of our faith.**

One: We are called to remember the reformers of today and yesterday.

**All: Called to be reformers ourselves, as our faith impacts the world around us and our faith is impacted by the world as well.**

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:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17

*Richard Wagner*

<sup>42:1</sup> Then Job answered the Lord:

<sup>2</sup> 'I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

<sup>3</sup> "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?"

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

<sup>4</sup> "Hear, and I will speak;  
I will question you, and you declare to me."

<sup>5</sup> I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
 but now my eye sees you;  
<sup>6</sup> therefore I despise myself,  
 and repent in dust and ashes.'

<sup>10</sup> And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup> Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. <sup>12</sup> The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. <sup>13</sup> He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup> He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. <sup>15</sup> In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. <sup>16</sup> After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. <sup>17</sup> And Job died, old and full of days.

**Psalm Selection: VU761-62 Psalm 34** *Led by Richard Wagner*

Refrain

Robert E. Kreutz

Unison

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of our God.

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Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.

One I will bless God at all times,  
 God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

**All My soul will glory in God, the humble will hear and be glad.**

One O magnify God with me, let us exalt God's name together.

**All I sought God, who answered me,  
and freed me from all my fears.**

One Look to the Most High, and let your light shine,  
and your faces will not be ashamed.

**All This poor soul cried out and God heard,  
and saved me from all my troubles. R**

One Your angel, O God, keeps guard over those who fear you  
and delivers them.

**All Taste and see that our God is good.  
Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

One for those who fear God lack nothing.

**All Strong lions suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek God lack no good thing. R**

One Come, my children, and listen to me,  
I will teach you the fear of God.

**All Which of you delights in life,  
and desires many days to enjoy prosperity?**

One Keep your tongue from evil, your lips from speaking lies.  
Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.

**All God's eyes are upon the righteous,  
God's ears open to their cry.**

One God's face is set against evil-doers,  
to blot out their remembrance from the earth.

**All The righteous cry out and God hears them,  
and rescues them from all their troubles.**

One God is near to the broken-hearted,  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**All Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but God sets them free from every sorrow.**

One God guards every bone in their body;  
not one of them will be broken.

**All Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

One But you, God, redeem the life of your servants;

**All none who take refuge in you are condemned. R**

**Hymn: VU663**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

- 1 My faith looks up to thee,  
 thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine.  
 Now hear me while I pray;  
 take all my guilt away.  
 O let me from this day be wholly thine.
- 2 While life's dark maze I tread,  
 and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide,  
 bid darkness turn to day;  
 wipe sorrow's tears away;  
 nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
- 3 May thy rich grace impart  
 strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.  
 As thou hast died for me,  
 O may my love to thee  
 pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire. < >

**Young at Heart Time:***"Upon Reconsideration"***Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:46-52***Richard Wagner*

<sup>10:46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**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:**

*“Re-formed”*

**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**

**Hymn: VU665** “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour”  
1 Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,  
hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling,

do not pass me by.  
Saviour, Saviour,  
hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.

- 2 Let me at thy throne of mercy  
find a sweet relief,  
kneeling there in deep contrition;  
help my unbelief. R
- 3 Trusting only in thy merit,  
would I seek thy face;  
heal my wounded, broken spirit,  
save me by thy grace. R
- 4 Thou the spring of all my comfort,  
more than life to me,  
whom have I on earth beside thee?  
Whom in heaven but thee? R

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

*Please stand for the 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: 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 October 27, 2024

**Haliburton United Church  
Lochlin United Church**

*[East Central Ontario Regional Council]*



## ***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for Oct 27***

Duty	Jaymes Winch
Elevator	Paula Winch
Greeters	Joyce Armstrong, Wayne Ferguson, Mary Hess Northey
Scripture Reader	Richard Wagner
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/AI Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Lynn Bartholomew
Coffee Fellowship	Pastoral Care
Coffee Fellowship (Nov)	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: November 10<sup>th</sup>** . We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: [treasurenuc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurenuc@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.

**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)

**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** Rev Kevin Derry is leading a Grief Group. 10 am to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you plan on attending. Upon arrival, please come to the office.

**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.

**Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024** Come out for an evening of Italian food, wine and song to celebrate the season with your church family. Limited Tickets available.

**East Side Mario's Annual Christmas Fete**

Northminster United Church

Upper Wright Hall

Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$40 per person