

# **NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

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Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10 am

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*Creation Time 1*

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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:**

Honouring the Healing Spirit of the Holy

*Please stand for the Opening Hymn*

### **Opening Hymn: VU220**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;  
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health  
and salvation.  
Come, all who hear:  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,  
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
how all you needed has been  
met by God's gracious ordaining?

- 3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work  
and defend us;  
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who out of love will befriend us.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from God's people again:  
gladly with praise we adore him. < >

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

#### **Call to Worship:**

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

**All: Called to seek healing in our world.**

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

**All: Called to seek healing in our relationships.**

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

**All: Called to seek healing in ourselves.**

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.**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 35:4-7a

*Karen Strano*

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

- 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
6 then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
7 the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

*Please remain seated*

**Psalm Selection: VU849** (from Psalm 125) *Led by Karen Strano*

Refrain

Fred Kimball Graham 1995

Unison      D                                      Cmaj7      Em      F#m7      Cmaj7      A7      D

Those who trust in God stand fast for ev - er.

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- One Those who trust in God are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved but abides forever.
- All As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so, God, you surround your people  
now and forever. R**
- One The sceptre of the wicked shall not rest on the land  
assigned to the just,  
lest the just should put out their hand to do evil.
- All Do good, O God, to those who are good,  
to those who are upright in heart.**
- One As for those who turn aside into crooked ways,  
our God shall lead them away with evil-doers;  
**but peace shall be upon Israel. R**

**Hymn: VU570**

“Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands”

- 1 Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,  
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

2 Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you,  
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;  
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

**Young at Heart Time:**

*"A Whole New World"*

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 7:24-37

*Karen Strano*

<sup>24</sup>From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.<sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.<sup>27</sup> He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'<sup>28</sup> But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'<sup>29</sup> Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.'<sup>30</sup> So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.<sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.<sup>33</sup> He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.<sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.'<sup>35</sup> And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.<sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

**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:**

*“Word of Mouth”*

**Music for Meditation**

*Please stand for the New Creed*

**The New Creed**

VU918

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.**

*Please be seated*

**Hymn: VU681**

*“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”*

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your words of life again.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.



ESL (English as a Second Language) students until 1991. The NCC realized the vital role employment plays in the successful retention and integration of newcomers in Peterborough, and began offering employment assistance to its clients in 1998.

Newcomers to Peterborough could initially receive immigration services locally through the Ministry of Employment and Immigration. In 1993, however, the Liberal government moved the Immigration department to Citizenship and Immigration Canada, which has no offices in the Peterborough or Northumberland regions. Because of this shift, it became necessary for NCC to offer increased immigration-related services, such as information, support, and provision of application packages.

The number of new immigrants to Peterborough has increased steadily since NCC opened its doors. As our client base has grown, so have the numbers of new immigrants to surrounding areas such as Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland. NCC has responded by offering itinerant services by request in places such as Lindsay, Campbellford, Port Hope, and Cobourg. In 2008, a second office location was opened in Cobourg in order to better serve the Northumberland region.

In the same year, in collaboration with the Community and Race Relations Committee of Peterborough (CRRC) and the City of Peterborough, the NCC launched the Peterborough Partnership Council on Immigrant Integration (later renamed as the Peterborough Immigration Partnership). Now consisting of over 50 partner organizations, the Council is responsible for an immigrant integration strategy for Peterborough City and County.

In 2010, in partnership with the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board and the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board, NCC launched Settlement Workers in the Schools (SWIS) program. This program addresses the needs of newcomers and their families by meeting with them in their places of learning.

NCC has grown significantly since its early days. Today, the NCC is an established charitable organization funded by municipal, provincial, federal, and private contributions. Annually, we organise the Canadian Multicultural Festival and Lessons from the Land. With our team of 45+ permanent staff and 350 volunteers, we serve over 1200 newcomers to Canada each year.

**Prayers of the People and the 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: VU626**

**"I Heard the Voice of Jesus"**

- 1      I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
         'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
         your head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
         weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
         and he has made me glad.
  
- 2      I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
         'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
         stoop down, and drink, and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
         of that life-giving stream;



my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done. < >

### **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 September 8, 2024

***Camborne United Church, Camborne  
Plainville United Church, Plainville  
St. Paul's United Church, Cold Springs***

*[East Central Ontario Regional Council]*

## ***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for Sept 8***

Duty	Nelson Pickett
Elevator	Wayne Doherty
Greeters	Gale Osmond, Dave Underhill Carol & Jack Murduff
Scripture Reader	Karen Strano
Minutes for Mission	Karen Strano
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/AI Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Jim Boothby
Coffee Fellowship	Worship Committee

### 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: September 8<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.

**PIZZA DINNER & MUSIC NIGHT** on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:30 pm. Tickets **SOLD OUT!**. (There is a sign up sheet for volunteers)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**Church Photo Directory, October 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. See Al Bartholomew for further details.

**LOST & FOUND:**

There are 2 “light weight” jackets that have been left behind. They have all been here for quite some time. If you or someone you know has lost a jacket, please check them out. They are located on the coat rack by the elevator. If they aren’t claimed by end of September, we will donate them to charity.

A new Volunteer Schedule List is being prepared and will be available soon. If you are interested in volunteering, we would love to know. It is never too late.....