

## NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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### *Creation Time 1*

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## Music as We Gather

### 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.

### Lighting the Christ Candle

*Remembering 9/11*

### Welcome, Celebrations, Life, and Work of the Community

### Call to Worship:

One: We are called to seek the lost.

**All: We are called to stand in solidarity with the oppressed.**

One: We are called to acknowledge where we have fallen short.

**All: We are called to repentance and reconciliation. How would we do that?**

One: We would do that by listening, sharing, and engaging. Let us worship.

**All: Let us worship together.**

### Opening Hymn: VU235

"O Worship the King"

- 1 O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

- 2 O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and broad is God's path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your power has founded of old;  
has stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

## Opening Prayer

### Words of Assurance:

One: As children of creation, we are loved and cherished, by the Holy.

**All: When we acknowledge and learn from our mistakes, we begin the steps to reconciliation with the rest of creation.**

One: In the name of Jesus...

**All: Amen.**

**First Lesson:** Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

*(John Taylor)*

<sup>4:11</sup> At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, <sup>12</sup> a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

<sup>22</sup> "For my people are foolish;  
they do not know me;  
they are stupid children;  
they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil  
but do not know how to do good.”

<sup>23</sup> I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos,  
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

<sup>24</sup> I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking,  
and all the hills moved to and fro.

<sup>25</sup> I looked, and there was no one at all,  
and all the birds of the air had fled.

<sup>26</sup> I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert,  
and all its cities were laid in ruins  
before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

<sup>27</sup> For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a  
desolation, yet I will not make a full end.

<sup>28</sup> Because of this the earth shall mourn  
and the heavens above grow black,  
for I have spoken; I have purposed;  
I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

**Psalms Selection: VU735**

from Psalms 14 and 53

*(Led by John Taylor)*

Refrain: Dear God, who loves all humankind, forgive our foolish  
ways.

One The foolish have spoken in their heart,  
and said 'There is no God.'

**All They are corrupt; they do abominable things;  
there is no one who does what is good.**

One God looks down from heaven upon us all,  
to see if any are wise and seek after God.

**All But all have gone astray; all alike are corrupted;  
there is no one who does good; no, not one. R**

One Have they no knowledge, all those who do evil?

**All They devour my people like so much bread,  
and do not pray to God.**

One But see, they will tremble with fear,  
for God is on the side of the righteous.

**All Do not mock the hope of the poor,  
for God is their refuge.**

One O that deliverance for God's people  
would come forth from Zion!

**All When God restores the fortunes of the people,  
then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad. R**

**Young at Heart Time:** *“Where’s Waldo”*

**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.
- 3 The cup of water given for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view  
the strong compassion of your face.
- 4 O Jesus, from the mountain side,  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide,  
and tread the city's streets again,
- 5 till all the world shall learn your love  
and follow where your feet have trod,  
till glorious from your heaven above  
shall come the city of our God.

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 15:1-10 *(John Taylor)*

<sup>15:1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends

and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup> "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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 as we live and love together in faith.**

Reader: In the name of Jesus...

**All: ...Amen.**

**Meditation:** *"Beyond I'm Sorry"*

## **Music for Meditation**

### **The New Creed:**

One: Let's share together in the New Creed:

**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.**

**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: VU273**

“The King of Love”

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever!

**Minute for Local Mission:** *“YES Shelter for Youth and Families”*  
(John Taylor)

**Mission Statement** – YES works to reduce and prevent homelessness by providing shelter, education and transitional supports for youth and families in Peterborough and the Kawarthas.

**Vision Statement** – All youth and families in our community are supported to lead full and positive lives.

YES provides emergency shelter to youth and families in crisis. We serve roughly 250 new clients every year, as well as the many who have stayed at the shelter before. In addition to emergency housing, we offer support to youth and families through:

- Homelessness prevention services (**211 Program**)
- Longer term transitional housing through our **Rise Youth Housing Program**
- **The Carriage House** onsite alternative classroom (in partnership with Kawartha Pine Ridge School Board)
- Food and clothing cupboard that serves both shelter clients and youth who have experienced housing insecurity in the community
- Outreach staff dedicated to housing clients and connecting them with the community support services that they need

**The shelter is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.**

**Values**

**Advocacy:** We will work towards ensuring that our staff and clients’ needs are met; engaging partners in change on a client and systems level.

**Dignity:** All individuals have the right to be safe, included, respected, and recognized for their strengths.

**Compassion:** We will respond with kindness and a belief that individuals can grow and change.

**Equity:** We will strive to give each individual what they need to be successful.

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

(a Paraphrase VU916)

**One:** Let us share together in a paraphrase of the Jesus Prayer...

**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: VU149**      “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

- 1      When I survey the wondrous cross  
        on which the Prince of glory died,  
        my richest gain I count but loss,  
        and pour contempt on all my pride.
  
- 2      Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
        save in the death of Christ, my God:  
        all the vain things that charm me most,  
        I sacrifice them to his blood.
  
- 3      See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
        sorrow and love flow mingled down!

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

- 4      Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
         that were a present far too small:  
         love so amazing, so divine,  
         demands my soul, my life, my all.

### **Blessing as We Go Forth:**

One:    As our time together comes to an end this day...

**All:    ...the Spirit of the Creator stirs us to live faithfully  
         and love openly as we follow the call of the Holy.**

One:    As we journey together with each other and our Creator,  
         may our reflections and discussions transform our actions  
         and attitudes as we live and love together in faith.

**All:    In the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen and Amen!**

### **Music as We Depart**

### **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 11, 2022

**Sebright Pastoral Charge  
Dalrymple United Church, Sebright**

*[East Central Ontario Regional Council]*

### ***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS-Sept 11***

<b>Duty</b>	<i>Paul Andrews</i>
<b>Elevator</b>	<i>John Tewsley</i>
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	<i>Linda Munroe, Josie Cameron</i>
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	<i>John Taylor</i>
<b>Congregational Elder</b>	<i>Mary Hess Northey</i>
<b>Sound</b>	<i>Bill VanTol / Alex Brunton</i>
<b>Video</b>	<i>Ron Kervin/Nelson Pickett</i>
<b>Videographer</b>	<i>Synthia MacEachern</i>
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	<i>Finance</i>

## **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 in a separate envelope clearly marked with your name or envelope number and clearly marked "*Donation to Kawartha Food Share*" This can be placed on offering plate. Thank you for your generous support! Next date: October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**NAME TAGS**, we ask that you wear your name tags on Sundays, if you do not have a name tag, please contact the office. 705-748-4881.

Michele will be on holidays beginning Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> to September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you require assistance, please call the office and leave a message. If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Rev Kevin [[minister@northminsteruc.ca](mailto:minister@northminsteruc.ca)] and he will speak of it during the Sunday service.

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 10 a.m. is "World Communion Sunday" and the "Affirming Celebration" with Guest Speaker, United Church minister, Ruth Wood.