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Creation Time 2

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

Welcome, Celebrations, Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: We are called by the Holy to reclaim our role as stewards of creation.

All: We are called to hear creation's cries.

One: We are not only stewards of creation but a part of it as well. Let us worship.

All: Let us worship together.

Opening Hymn: VU262

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper sure amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
for still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;

with power and malice great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth he has no equal.

- 2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing:
dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.
- 3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
the truth to triumph through us:
the prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.
- 4 That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Christ, who with us sideth:
let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
God's kingdom is for ever.

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 8:18 – 9:1

Kathy Common

¹⁸ My joy is gone; grief is upon me;
my heart is sick.

¹⁹ Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people
from far and wide in the land:

“Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?”

(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?”)

²⁰ “The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.”

²¹ For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am
broken,
I mourn, and horror has seized me.

²² Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of the daughter of my people
not been restored?

9 O that my head were a spring of water
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Psalm Selection: VU793 from Psalm 79 (*Led by Kathy Common*)

Refrain: Help us, God of our Salvation, for the glory of your name.

One O God, the nations have entered your domain,
defiled your holy temple and laid Jerusalem in ruins.

**All They have left your servants' bodies for
scavenging birds,
the flesh of your faithful ones for wild beasts.
Their blood was shed like water around Jerusalem,
with none to bury them.**

One We have become the taunt of our neighbours,
mocked and scorned by those around us.

**All How long, O God? Will you be angry forever?
Will your jealous wrath burn like fire? R**

One Pour out your rage on the nations that do not acknowledge you, on the realms that will not call on your name;

All for they have devoured Jacob and desolated Israel's home.

One Do not hold the sins of past generations against us;

All let your compassion come swiftly to meet us, for we are sunk very low.

One Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name.

All Deliver us and forgive our sin, for the honour of your name. R

Young at Heart Time:

“The Heart of the Web”

Hymn: VU589

“Lord, Speak to Me”

- 1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let me seek your straying children lost and lone.
- 2 O lead me, so that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet; O feed me, so that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.
- 3 O teach me, so that I may teach the precious truths which you impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
- 4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflows in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:1-13

Kathy Common

^{16:1} Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that

my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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: *“Taking Back the Reins”*

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: VU335 (Tune VU264) "At the Name of Jesus"

- 1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis our God's great pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
- 2 Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.
- 3 Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.
- 4 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour;

let his will enfold you in its light and power.

- 5 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

An Environmental Minute: "Some more Good News..."
(Presented by Kevin)

Berlin's Tegel airport to be transformed into environmentally friendly 10,000 person community

Eco-conscious German property hunters now have the chance to make Berlin's former airport-turned-residential community their home.

The ambitious 5-million sqm 'Tegel Projekt' renovation will transform the disused Tegel airport into a 10,000-person, 5,000-apartment community with shops, restaurants, schools and parks.

Vertical gardens will keep the apartment blocks cool without the need for energy-guzzling **air conditioning**, while the largely-pedestrianised community will put bikes before cars. Electric buses and a tramway are slated as future developments.

Surprise climate deal could be the 'most significant' in US history, says Joe Biden

An unexpected deal reached by Senate Democrats would be the most ambitious action ever taken by the United States to address global warming.

The massive bill, which revives action on climate change, could help President Joe Biden come close to meeting his pledge to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030.

It proposes nearly \$370 billion (€362 billion) of spending over 10 years to boost electric vehicles, jump-start renewable energy such as solar and wind power and develop alternative energy sources like hydrogen.

Environmental defenders celebrate a ‘huge’ win for ‘unique’ Tasmanian rainforest

Environmentalists who took legal action to prevent a toxic waste dump in an ancient pocket of Tasmania’s Tarkine rainforest are celebrating a federal court win.

Chinese mining company MMG gained approval to open a tailings dam near the town of Rosebery on the island's west coast.

In July, federal court justice Mark Moshinsky upheld a Tasmanian NGO’s objection to the project on the grounds that the endangered Tasmanian masked owl was not properly considered before approval was granted. A new assessment is now set to take place, effectively halting MMG’s plans for the dam.

France could make it legal to use cooking oil as fuel in bid to battle cost of living crisis

Using cooking oil being to power diesel engines has been illegal in France - until now.

In July, France's parliament voted on a €20 billion package in response to rising inflation and potential energy shortages this winter. Although the bills still need to pass through the Senate, one of them will allow and endorse the possible usage of frying oil as fuel for vehicles.

Not only could this provide relief for French wallets amid rising fuel prices, it could help limit pollution from diesel engines.

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer

Closing Hymn: VU416

“Forth in Your Name, O Christ”

- 1 Forth in your name, O Christ, we go,
 our daily labour to pursue,
 you, only you, resolved to know
 in all we think, or speak, or do.
- 2 The task your wisdom has assigned
 here let us cheerfully fulfil;
 in all our works your presence find,
 and prove your good and perfect will.

- 3 You may we set at our right hand,
whose eyes our inmost secrets view,
and labour on at your command
and offer all our works to you.
- 4 Help us to bear your easy yoke,
in every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to that glorious day.
- 5 Then with delight may we employ
all that your bounteous grace has given,
and run our earthly course with joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.

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 18, 2022

Northminster United Church, Oshawa

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS-Sept 18

Duty	<i>Nelson Pickett</i>
Elevator	<i>Gerry Milburn</i>
Ushers/Greeters	<i>Marion Milburn</i> <i>Amy Masters</i>
Scripture Reader	<i>Kathy Common</i>
Congregational Elder	<i>Mary Hess Northey</i>
Sound	<i>Bill VanTol / Alex Brunton</i>
Video	<i>Ron Kervin/Nelson Pickett</i>
Videographer	<i>Jim Boothby</i>
Coffee Fellowship	<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 9th.

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 12th to September 23rd. 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] and he will speak of it during the Sunday service.

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