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5th Sunday after Epiphany

Music as We Gather

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land:

As we gather, we acknowledge that Northminster United Church and the communities it serves 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 Love of the Holy

Please stand for Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU266

“Amazing Grace”

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
* that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;

'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun. < >

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: The Holy calls us to gather together.

All: Called to follow the one called Jesus of Nazareth.

One: We are called to open ourselves to the Holy.

All: Called to faith-filled living.

One: Let us worship!

All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The promise of the Epiphany Season is the ever-present
Light of the Holy.

**All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, as we
find ourselves in the Light of Epiphany, we can live
faithfully and authentically as children of the Holy.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-13

Jim Boothby

^{6:1} In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' ⁹And he said, 'Go and say to this people:

"Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand."

¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.'

¹¹Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said:
'Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;

¹²until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³Even if a tenth part remains in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.'

The holy seed is its stump.

Psalm Selection: VU860 (from Psalm 138) *Led by Jim Boothby*

Psalm 138

Refrain

William B. Bradbury 1863

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with lyrics 'We wor-ship in your ho-ly place and' and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. Chord markings 'F', 'C', and 'F' are placed above the treble staff. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment with lyrics 'praise you for your truth and grace.' and chord markings 'Bb', 'C', and 'F' above the treble staff.

Refrain: We worship in your holy place and praise you for your truth and grace.

One I praise you, O God, with all my heart;
before the gods I will sing your praises.

**All I bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your name for your love and faithfulness;**

One for you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.

**All On the day that I called, you answered me,
and put new strength in my soul. R**

One All earth's rulers shall praise you,
when they hear the words of your mouth.

**All They shall sing of your ways, O God,
sing that your glory is great.**

One For though you are high, you care for the lowly.

All As for the proud, you humble them from afar. R

One Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me;
**All you stretch out your hand against my enemies' rage;
your powerful hand delivers me.**
One You will fulfil your purpose for me.
**All Your love, O God, is eternal.
Do not leave unfinished the work of your hands. R**

Hymn: VU562

“Jesus Calls Us”

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'
- 2 Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'
- 5 Jesus calls us: by your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all. < >

Young at Heart Time:

“Throne Room”

Gospel Lesson: Luke 5:1-11

Jim Boothby

^{5:1} Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking,

he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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:

"Calling You"

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.**

We Receive the Offering

Doxology: VU542

“We Give You But Your Own”

We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully. < >

Dedication of Our Gifts

A Minute for Local Mission:

“VON Canada”

Read by Jim Boothby

We've been leading home and community care in Canada for over a century. We were among the first organizations in the country to offer home care and public health nursing and now, over a century later, we provide home and community support services to over 10,000 people every day across Ontario and Nova Scotia.

We help our clients stay healthy, live well and remain active. We support those in frail and failing health and we contribute to the health and improved quality of life of Canadians in their homes and communities, where they want to be.

We strongly believe that clients and their families have the right to make informed decisions about their care. We encourage them to become partners in both its planning and delivery. We ensure that every plan of care we develop responds to the unique needs and concerns of our clients and their families, including personal and cultural values.

We are a trusted registered charity who works hard to raise donations from individuals and corporations. We also receive pay-for-service fees from provincial governments; grants from federal, provincial and municipal governments and from foundations and other charitable organizations; and pay-for-service fees from community partners and recipients. Thank you for your support.

Hymn: VU567

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go

where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me. < >

Prayers of the People and Jesus Prayer:

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.**

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Please stand for Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU563 "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

- 1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.
O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.
- 2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour. R

- 3 You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. R
- 4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. R < >

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place with hope and celebration.

All: Let us go from this place with peace and compassion.

One: Let us go from this place with joy and celebration.

All: Let us go from this place love and inclusion.

One: Let us go from this place sharing the Light of Epiphany.
Amen.

All: Amen.

Sung Blessing: VU964

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go. < >

Music as the Worship Service Concludes

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for Feb 9th

Duty	Paul Andrews
Elevator	Gerry Milburn
Greeters	Marion Milburn, Judy Henderson
	Fran Morton
Scripture Reader	Jim Boothby
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Gale Osmond
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Ken Nash, John Taylor
Fellowship	Affirm Ministry
Fellowship (Mar)	Finance

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: Feb. 9th**. We also accept eTransfers to: 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 or Tel. # 705-748-4881.

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.

GRACE BUCK INCOME TAX SERVICE will be preparing Income Tax returns again this year at Northminster. Scheduled dates: March 11th, March 25th, April 8th, and April 22nd. For further information please call 705-745-4303

DESSERT SUNDAY!

February 16th following Worship service. Please join us for a late Valentine Celebration. Free will donations will be appreciated.



Are you interested in going on a Day Tour(s)?? There has been an overwhelming response from people to take more than one tour. In order to do this we need to be able to fill a tour bus. Please indicate by signing your name on as many tours as you are interested in. Please consider inviting family members, friends & neighbours to join.

The deadline for signing up is Sunday, February 9th.

- CirQue Du Soleil
- Kingston 1000 Island Cruise (Boldt & Singer Castle)
- Muskoka Steamships-Ship & Show

Family, friends & neighbours are welcome!



On Thursday, February 27th, 2025 Northminster United Church will be a polling station for Elections Ontario. Elections Ontario are recruiting election officials at voting locations for the 2025 provincial general election. All positions are paid and training is provided. To apply online for a position go to: <https://jobs.elections.on.ca/en/apply>