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Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 10:00 am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Honoring Creation

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: SGP 126

“She Flies On”

*She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun; on a journey just begun,
she flies on.*

*And in the passage of her flight,
Her song rings out thro' the night,
Full of laughter, full of light,
She flies on.*

1. Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled,
and from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.
2. Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight,
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.

Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on.

3. To a gentle girl in Galilee a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.
4. Flying to the river, she waited circling high,
above the child now grown so full of grace.
as he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace.
5. Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. < >

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship: Deep Inner Stillness

by Joyce Rupp

One: Oh, that we could swim forever

All: In the sea of your unending joy.

One: Oh, that we might set happy sail

All: Upon the waters of your delight.

One: It's all close by, waiting for us

All: If only we stop our crazy pace

One: And allow our manacled calendars

All: To fall away from our tethered lives.

One: Now is the time, not later,

**All: To let go and leap into your joy. Today, I will take the
plunge.**

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The promise of a Pentecost driven faith inspires us to live
and love together in this complex world in which we find
ourselves.

**All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, we can
be a transformative presence in Creation.**

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19 *Ruth Murray*

^{6:1} David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ² David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³ They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio,^[a] the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God;^[b] and Ahio^[c] went in front of the ark. ⁵ David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs^[d] and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³ and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴ David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

¹⁶ As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷ They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. ¹⁸ When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, ¹⁹ and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat,^[a] and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Refrain

Andrew Mitchell Thomson

arr. F.R.C. Clarke 1971



Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glo - ry en - ter may.

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One The earth is God's, and all that is in it;
the world, and those who live upon it.

All **For God founded it upon the seas,
planted it firm over the waters beneath. R**

One Who may ascend the mountain of God?
Who may stand in God's holy place?

All **Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not set their minds on deceit,
nor made false promises;**

One they shall receive God's blessing,
righteousness from the God who will save them.

All **Such are those who seek God,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. R**

One Lift up your heads, you gates!

All **Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors,
that the One who rules in glory may enter.**

One Who rules in glory?

All **It is God, valiant and strong,
God, who is mighty in battle.**

One Lift up your heads, you gates!

All **Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors,
that the One who rules in glory may enter.**

One Who rules in glory?

All **It is God of hosts,
God who rules in glory. R**

Hymn: VU296

“This is God’s Wondrous World”

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,
 and to my listening ears
 all nature sings, and round me rings
 the music of the spheres.
 This is God's wondrous world;
 I rest me in the thought
 of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
 God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is God's wondrous world:
 the birds their carols raise;
 the morning light, the lily white,
 declare their Maker's praise.
 This is God's wondrous world:
 God shines in all that's fair;
 in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
 God's voice speaks everywhere.
- 3 This is God's wondrous world:
 O let me ne'er forget
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.
 This is God's wondrous world:
 why should my heart be sad?
 Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
 God reigns, let earth be glad!

Young at Heart Time:

“Warthog”

Gospel Lesson: Ephesians 1:3–14

Ruth Murray

^{1:3} Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ^[a] before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the

good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, ^[b] having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this ^[c] is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Meditation:

"Blessings!"

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: VU509

“Here I am Lord”

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

R Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? R < >

We Receive the Offering

Please stand for the Offering Hymn

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer from Northumbria Community

**All Lord, you have always given
bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor,
today I believe.**

**Lord, you have always given
strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak,
today I believe.**

**Lord, you have always given
peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart,
today I believe.**

**Lord, you have always kept
me safe in trials;
and now, tired as I am,
today I believe.**

**Lord, you have always marked
the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden,
today I believe.**

**Lord, you have always lightened
this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here'
today I believe.**

**Lord, you have always spoken
when time was ripe;
and though you be silent now,
today I believe.**

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU295

“The Earth and All Who Breathe”

- 1 The earth and all who breathe exist through love divine,
 who formed the sea, the flowering tree,
 the wren, the fragrant pine.
 Each woman, man, and child created from the dust
 is called to share creation's care,
 a sacred, living trust.
- 2 The good, abundant earth is ours to tend and keep;
 yet land lies waste, consumed in haste,
 and hungry children weep.
 The nations proudly build new Babels to the sky.
 Their bombs destroy creation's joy;
 their missiles terrify!
- 3 Creation now awaits humanity's rebirth
 at last to claim one common aim:
 to nurture life on earth.
 Awake, all humankind, the challenge now embrace;
 apply your strength, your voice, your means,
 as stewards of God's grace. < >

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place experiencing the wind and flame
of the Spirit of Pentecost.

All: We go in celebration.

One: Let us go from this place living within the Spirit of
Pentecost.

All: We go in love.

One: Let us go from this place sharing the Spirit of Pentecost.

All: We go in hope and peace.

One: Let us go in peace.

All: Peace be with us! Amen!

Sung Benediction:

“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 July 14th, 2024

Simcoe Street Pastoral Charge Simcoe Street United Church, Oshawa

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for July 14th

Duty	Jaymes Winch
Elevator	Paula Winch
Greeters	Linda Munroe, Carol Murduff Mary Hess Northey, Joyce Armstrong
Scripture Reader	Ruth Murray
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/Al Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Coffee Fellowship	Mission & Outreach
Coffee Fellowship (Aug)	Affirm Committee

Rev Kevin Derry will be away on Sabbatical beginning July 8th through to September 3rd. Please contact the office at 705-748-4881 and we will make sure your message gets to where it needs to go.

Sunday, July 14th we welcome Rev. Iain Buchanan as our Guest Minister.

Sunday, July 21st we welcome Rev. John Taylor as our Guest Minister.

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 money in a separate envelope clearly marked as "*Donation to Kawartha Food Share*" also include your name or envelope number. ***Please make cheques payable to: "Northminster United Church"***. This can be placed on the offering plate. **Next date: July 14th**. We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: treasurernuc@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.

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.

LANG PIONEER VILLAGE... You are invited to join other members of the United Churches in Peterborough County for a special worship service to recognize the United Church of Canada's Centennial year. This service is on **Sunday July 28th at 11 a.m.** in the Agricultural Hall of Fame Barn at Lang Pioneer Village, Lang. For directions and information on the village check out: www.langpioneervillage.ca

The Agricultural Barn has limited seating but there will be a large tent set up in the courtyard to accommodate the overflow. On the day of the service, there will be signs (and hopefully people) to indicate where to park. Accessible parking is at the north end of the village.

Bring a lawn chair, your sunscreen (or an umbrella). The offering we will receive during the service will go directly to Lang Village as a thank you for hosting us. And following the service, people can enjoy the space for a picnic lunch (bring your own) and then go back in time and tour the Pioneer Village for free. All are welcome!!!! If you know in advance, please give Keene/Hiawatha a general idea of number of attendees from your community of faith.

PLEASE NOTE: there will **not** be a worship service at Northminster United Church this day.