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Sunday, June 14th, 2026 at 10 am

3rd Sunday after Pentecost & Church Picnic

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 several Indigenous peoples. 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:

Celebrating the Gift of Holy Hospitality

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU215

“Hope of the World”

- 1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion,
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;
save us, your people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
- 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
still let your Spirit unto us be given
to heal earth's wounds and end its bitter strife.

- 3 Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light;
walk now beside us lest the tempting byways
lure us away from you to endless night.
- 4 Hope of the world, who by your cross has saved us
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;
we render back the love your mercy gave us;
take now our lives, with them your kingdom build.
- 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
who by this sign has conquered grief and pain,
we would be faithful to your gospel glorious.
You are our Lord! You shall forever reign. †

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: Called to open our their hearts.

All: God calls us to do likewise.

One: Called to practice Holy Hospitality.

All: God calls us to do likewise.

One: Let us worship!

All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The holy winds of Pentecost encourage us to reflect and
act in faith.

**All: Through faith and action, we share the blessing
of transformation through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

Hymn: VU508

“Just as I Am”

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come. †

Young at Heart Time:

“Gracie’s Choice”

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

Richard Wagner

^{9:35} Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’

¹⁰ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Response:

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

All: ...may we sense the Spirit of Pentecost and be guided by Holy Love.

Reader: In the name of the Jesus, the Christ...

All: ...Amen.

Meditation:

“Words and Actions”

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: 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: 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. †

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer:

VU914

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen †**

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU512 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:
'In my name baptize and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us

closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

3 Lord, you make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood.'
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
'Father, what they do, forgive.'
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry. †

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place inspired by the Holy Spirit.

All: We go in faith.

One: Let us go from this place prepared to transform the
communities of which we are a part.

All: We go in love.

One: Let us go from this place challenged to open ourselves to
the Spirit around us.

All: We go in hope and peace.

One: Let us go in peace.

All: Peace be with us! Amen!

Sung Blessing: VU964 (x2)

“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

East Central Ontario 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 June 14th, 2026

Grace United Church, Peterborough

Thank You to This Week’s Volunteers for June 14, 2026

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| Duty | Al Bartholomew |
| Elevator | Jack Murduff |
| Greeters | Carol Murduff, Dave Underhill Kathy Green |
| Scripture Reader | Richard Wagner |
| Congregational Elder | Carol Murduff |
| Sunday School Coordinator | Maggie Crawford |
| Sound | Gale Osmond |
| Video | Nelson Pickett |
| Videographer | Lynn Bartholomew |
| Fellowship | M & P |

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US FOR COFFEE TIME each Tuesday morning at 10 am. at Northminster United Church in Upper Wright Hall for a warm cup of coffee or tea and a sweet treat. Bring a friend!!

FOOD BANK SUNDAY- is held on the **2nd Sunday of each month**, - **June 14th** we invite you to bring items to support Kawartha Food Share. Boxes are located in the Sanctuary and at back foyer [*exit to parking lot*]. If you wish to make a cash donation instead, ***please make your cheque payable to: “Northminster United Church”***. This can be placed on the offering plate. We also accept eTransfers to: treasurernuc@gmail.com

THE FORWARD PATH AT NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

Ever feel like you’re just going through the motions? Like you should have things figured out by now...but don’t? This could be for you!

For further information contact: theforwardpath@outlook.com

Next gathering is June 17th, 2026, 6 pm & 7:30 pm.