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2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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 Many Calls of Jesus

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU477

"I Come with Joy"

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one. †

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: God called to Abraham and Sarah, promising them a new covenant with the Holy

All: God calls us to this time of community; a time for praise, prayer and reflection.

One: A new covenant based in mutual love, honour and respect.

All: A time to share whose and who we are in faith.

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.

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

Judy McMichael

^{12:1} Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your

name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

Responsive Selection: VU760

(from Psalm 33)

Lead by Judy McMichael

**Refrain: A new song to our God proclaim, from age to age
rejoice.**

One Shout to God for joy, you righteous!
Praise is fitting from loyal hearts.

**All Give thanks to God with the harp;
sing praise to God with the ten-stringed lute.**

One Sing a new song to God; play skillfully and with shouts of joy.

**All For the word of God is true;
God's every deed is faithful. R**

One You love what is right and just;
the earth is full of your constant love.

**All By your word the heavens were made,
the countless stars by the breath of your mouth.**

One You gathered the waters of the sea as in a goatskin;

All you stored the deep in cisterns.

One Let all the earth fear you, O God,

All let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe.

One For you spoke and it came to be; you commanded and it stood firm.

**All You foil the plans of the nations,
and frustrate the schemes of the peoples.**

One Your counsel, O God, shall stand forever,
the purposes of your heart through all generations.

**All Happy the nation who has you as God.
Happy the people you choose as your own.**

One Our heart rejoices in you, O God,
because our hope is in your holy name.

**All Let your steadfast love be upon us
as we put our trust in you. R**

Hymn: VU619

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

R Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. R

2 In the pain and joy beholding,
how your grace is still unfolding.
Give us all your vision, God of love. R

3 Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother.
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. R

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. R

Young at Heart Time:

“You Can Do It!”

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26

Judy McMichael

^{9:9} As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’ ¹² But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, “I desire

mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, ‘My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.’ ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she said to herself, ‘If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.’ ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, ‘Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.’ And instantly the woman was made well. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, ‘Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.’ And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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:

“Miracle Call”

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: 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: VU916 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. †**

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU509

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

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

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 7th, 2026

Faith United Church, Kingston

Thank You to This Week’s Volunteers for June 7, 2026

Duty	John Tewsley
Elevator	Kathy Thom
Greeters	Carrie Varga, Don & Jane Bullock

Scripture Reader	Judy McMichael
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. Please 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 10th, 2026, 6 pm & 7:30 pm.

KAWARTHA CHAMBER MUSIC COLLECTIVE - June 12th

The Kawartha Chamber Music Collective will be performing at Northminster United Church on **Friday, June 12th at 7:30 pm.** This is a fundraising activity for the church and for the musicians, so please lend your support and join us for an evening of beautiful classic music!

CHURCH BBQ PICNIC will be held on Sunday, June 14th following the Worship Service at approx. 11:30 on the lawn space beside the driveway. Please bring your own lawn chair and sunscreen.

Burgers, salads and desserts will be served. Games for the kids to enjoy. Everyone is Welcome!!

Thank you to the Northminster family for a wonderful anniversary celebration last Sunday. Thanks for all your cards & best wishes.

Chris & John Tewesley

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