

# NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 10:30 am (NEW TIME)

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## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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### 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.

### Music as We Centre

**Lighting the Christ Candle:** Remembering Red Dress Day

*Please stand for the Opening Hymn*

**Opening Hymn: VU217** "All Creatures of Our God and King"

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing:  
hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Bright burning sun with golden beam,  
soft shining moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises, sing praises,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 2 O rushing winds and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
O lights of evening, find a voice:

sing praises, sing praises,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

3 Earth, ever fertile, day by day  
brings forth rich blessings on our way:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,  
let them God's glory also show:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

4 And everyone of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
All who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and yield up all your care:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

5 Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship God in humbleness:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! < >

## **Life, and Work of the Community**

### **Call to Worship:**

One: Called to celebrate an Easter faith.

**All: Let us hear the call for acknowledgment, truth, and reconciliation.**

One: Called to live an Easter faith.

**All: Let us respond to the call for acknowledgement, truth, and reconciliation.**

One: Called to share an Easter hope as a family of faith.

**All: Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!**

One: Let us worship!

**All: Let us worship together!**

### **Opening Prayer**

## Words of Assurance:

One: The promise of an Easter faith tells us the Holy loves and cherishes each one of us for who we are and all that we may become.

**All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, we live our Easter faith.**

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 John 5:1-6

*Carolyn Kitchen*

<sup>5:1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

**Psalm Selection: VU818 (Refrain 1)**

(from Psalm 98)

*Led by Carolyn Kitchen*

Refrain 1

*David Goodrich*

Unison

Sing a new song un - to God, who has done such mar - vel - lous things.

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One Sing to God a new song,

**All for God has done marvellous things.**

One Your right hand and your holy arm have brought victory.

**All You have made known your salvation,  
and revealed before the nations your saving power.**

One You have remembered your steadfast love  
and faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**All all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation  
of our God. R**

One Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**All break into joyous praise, sing psalms.**

One Sing psalms to God with the harp,

**All with the harp and melodious voice.**

One With trumpets, and the sound of the horn

**All make a joyful noise before our sovereign God. R**

One Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

**All the world, and its inhabitants.**

One Let the rivers clap their hands,

**All the hills sing together for joy before God.**

One You come to judge the earth, O God,

**All to judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity. R**

*Please remain seated*

**Hymn: VU365**

“Jesus Loves Me”

1 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
in his love we shall be strong.

R Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, 'Let them come to me.' R

3 Jesus loves me still today,  
walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live. R < >

**Young at Heart Time:**

“Fluffy on the Run”

**Gospel Lesson:** John 15:9-17

Carolyn Kitchen

15:9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> ‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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 a resurrection faith.**

Reader: In the name of the Risen Jesus...

**All: Amen.**

**Meditation:** *“Learning to Love”*

### **Music for Meditation**

*Please stand for the New Creed*

### **The New Creed**

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:** *“They’ll Know We are Christians”*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

R: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land. R

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we’ll guard each man’s dignity and save each man’s pride. R

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. 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**

**A Minute for Mission:** “A Beacon of Hope” *Carolyn Kitchen*

When we hear of a global emergency, our minds often jump to “How can we help?” Your gifts to Mission and Service enable partners to immediately get to work providing crucial basic needs: food, water, shelter, and medication. But after the initial response, and after headlines fade away, the emergency and urgency remain.

After the immediate shock lessens, people living in the wake of a disaster can have difficulty imagining what life will look like down

the road. In these times, hope is essential. By giving us the motivation to keep moving forward, hope is a powerful force that inspires us to keep going.

Mission and Service partner the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) continues to be hard at work providing hope. People in Syria are still experiencing the devastating aftermath of the February 2023 earthquakes.

From retrofitting buildings and providing medical equipment to education and trauma healing, MECC is dedicated to sustainable relief.

In Aleppo, MECC rehabilitated four schools before the academic year launched in September 2023, providing children with a safe place to learn.

Thank you for supporting the work of our Mission and Service partners. Your generosity is a beacon of hope during challenging times.

### **Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer**

(VU916, 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: VU602**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

- 1      Blest be the tie that binds  
        our hearts in Christian love;  
        the unity of heart and mind  
        is like to that above.
  
- 2      Before our Maker's throne  
        we pour our ardent prayers;  
        our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
        our comforts and our cares.
  
- 3      We share each other's woes,  
        each other's burdens bear;  
        and often for each other flows  
        the sympathizing tear.
  
- 4      This glorious hope revives  
        our courage on the way;  
        that we shall live in perfect love  
        in God's eternal day. < >

**Blessing as We Go Forth:**

One: Let us go from this place knowing the Resurrection  
      Promise of the Holy.

**All: We go in celebration.**

One: Let us go from this place living the Resurrection  
      Promise of the Holy.

**All: We go in love.**

One: Let us go from this place sharing the Resurrection  
      Promise of the Holy.

**All: We go in hope and peace.**

One: Let us go in peace.

**All: Peace be with us! Amen!**

**Music as the Worship Service Concludes**



**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Thru to  
Sunday, June 30, 2024**

**Worship Service**

**NEW TIME**

**10:30 a.m.**



**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 May 5, 2024

***Janetville Pastoral Charge***

***Janetville United Church***

***Mount Horeb United Church***

*[East Central Ontario Regional Council]*

***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for May 5<sup>th</sup>***

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Duty                      | Jaymes Winch                                     |
| Elevator                  | Paula Winch                                      |
| Greeters                  | Ann Thomas, Joyce Armstrong<br>Mary Hess Northey |
| Scripture Reader          | Carolyn Kitchen                                  |
| Congregational Elder      | Mary Hess Northey                                |
| Sunday School Coordinator | Maggie Crawford                                  |
| Nursery Coordinator       | Gale Osmond                                      |
| Sound                     | Alex Brunton/AI Bartholomew                      |
| Video                     | Nelson Pickett                                   |
| Videographer              | Ken Nash, John Taylor                            |
| Coffee Fellowship (May)   | Pastoral Care                                    |

## 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: May 12<sup>th</sup>**. We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: [treasurernuc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@northminsteruc.ca) or Tel. # 705-748-4881.

**NAME TAGS:** If you need a name tag, please contact the office for one. 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.

**TUESDAY COFFEE HOUR** is returning **on May 7<sup>th</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Each Tuesday 10:00 am to 11:00 am. (\* Cancelled on May 14<sup>th</sup> due to building repairs)

**COFFEE CUPBOARD** Thank you to everyone for your coffee donations. We are now good for a while!!

We are pleased to be able to have the Beavers have a “Sleepover” at the church on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be sleeping in the Upper Wright Hall. The Beavers planted pansies in our front flower beds, please take a look.

**The church building will be closed to walk in traffic on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> due to necessary repairs.**

**CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIME** beginning Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> thru and including Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. for a trial period.

## *Church Volunteers*



**We would love to hear from you....**

**We require more greeters, scripture readers, elevator operator, duty person, videographers, audio & video techs.**

### **NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH “MUFFIN PARTY”**

Saturday, May 25, 2024

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Admission \$5.00

*Come out and enjoy muffins and fellowship...*

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# MUFFIN PARTY

**SATURDAY, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**9:30 -11 A.M.**



Puzzles~Baking ~ Plant Table

Food Entrees

Available to purchase!!

Come out and Enjoy

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