

**NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

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**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10 am**

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*Pentecost Sunday with Communion*

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**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 Holy Spirit

*Please stand for the Opening Hymn*

**Opening Hymn: VU264** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;

we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee! †

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

**\*\*\* Congregational Meeting**

Re: Projection System Quote

### **Call to Worship:**

One: The Spirit of the Holy comes like the wind.

**All: Called to share and celebrate the Holy Spirit!**

One: Through open arms, hearts, minds and doors we live out  
our Pentecost faith in community.

**All: With love, compassion and joy we affirm the open  
heart of the Holy as we pray and praise.**

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:** Acts 2:1-13

*Lynda Hodgins*

<sup>2:1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear,

each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

**Responsive Selection: VU827 Part 2**

(from Psalm 104)

*Lead by Lynda Hodgins*

Refrain 2: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

One O God, how manifold are your works!

**All With Wisdom at your side you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures. R**

One There lies the great and mighty Sea,  
teeming with living things both great and small.

**All Upon it sail the ships, and there is Leviathan,  
the monster you made to play in it.**

One All these look to you, to give them their food in due season.

**All What you give them they gather up.  
When you open your hand,  
you fill them with good things.**

One But when you hide your face they despair.

When you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.

**All But when you send out your spirit, they live again,  
and you renew the face of the earth. R**

One May your glory, O God, endure forever.

**All May you rejoice, O God, in your works.**

One When you look at the earth it trembles,

**All when you touch the mountains they smoke.**

One I will sing to God as long as I live.

**All I will praise my God while I have being. R**

**Hymn: VU400** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace! †

**Young at Heart Time:** "Feathers and Balloons"

**Gospel Lesson:** Acts 2:14-21 Lynda Hodgins

<sup>2:14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**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:** "Whispering Water, Rushing Wind"

**Music for Meditation**

*Please stand for 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.**

### **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**

#### **Affirm Minute**

"All Are Welcome Here"  
*Read by Lynda Hodgins*

Celebrations and parties are important events within all faith traditions. However, sometimes, our celebrations and parties exclude some people *because of* our faith traditions.

Recently, during the Muslim celebration of Ramadan, Ali Darwich, a young gay Muslim living in Germany was shunned by his family because of his sexual orientation. So, he invited 15 friends ...Muslims, Christians, Germans, immigrants, gay and straight people, to sit around his own table to break the Muslim fast at sundown.

The message Ali wanted to express was that no matter where a person comes from, no matter who that person loves, no matter

their sexual orientation or gender, they are all welcome at the table, because they are exactly as they should be.

Jesus lived out his faith in God, and demonstrated that love, by celebrating with those on the fringes; those excluded from the party. Jesus reminded them, and us, that all of us are welcome at the Table, and that we are called to open our hearts and doors to those who feel excluded.

In Jesus name. Amen

**Hymn: VU460**

“All Who Hunger”

- 1 All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.
  
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.
  
- 3 All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good. †

**Sacrament of Communion**

**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: VU378** “Spirit of God, Descent Upon My Heart”

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
and make me love you as I ought to love.
- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstacies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no opening skies,  
but take the dimness of my soul away.
- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength and mind?  
I see your cross: there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek you and O let me find!
- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame,  
the baptism of the heaven-descended dove,  
my heart an altar and your love the flame. †

## **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 May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **Orono United Church**

## **Thank You to This Week's Volunteers for May 24, 2026**

Duty	Nelson Pickett
Elevator	Wayne Doherty
Greeters	Leanne Brinklow, Linda Munroe
	Wayne Ferguson
Scripture Reader	Lynda Hodgins
Congregational Elder	Carol Murduff
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Sound	Gale Osmond
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Kathy Common
Fellowship	Christian Education

**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 14<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:treasurernuc@gmail.com)

**NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH OPEN HOUSE - May 26th**

Please join us for the Northminster United Church Open House on Tuesday, May 26 from 7 to 9 pm in Upper Wright Hall. Here's a chance for us to open the doors and welcome our neighbours into conversation about the future of the church. Everyone is welcome. If you can help with greeting guests or set up, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the hall.

**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](mailto:theforwardpath@outlook.com)

First gathering is May 27th, 2026, 6 pm & 7:30 pm.