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Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 10 am

22nd 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.

Music as We Centre

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Representing God's Presence in Our Low Moments

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, unchanging, 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

Call to Worship:

One: We are called to honour the presence of the Holy.

All: Called to gather together with God in our midst.

One: We are called to acknowledge the presence of the Holy.

All: Called to praise, prayer and celebration as we gather.

One: We are called to respond to the presence of the Holy.

All: Called to share the enduring love of the Holy.

One: Let us worship!

All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The promise of our faith is that we are always surrounded
by the love and peace of the Holy.

**All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, we
can live faithfully and authentically as children of the
Holy.**

First Lesson: Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Iain Buchanan

^{38:1} Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

² 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without
knowledge?

³ Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴ 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone

- 7 when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
- 34 'Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?
- 35 Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, "Here we are"?
- 36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?
- 37 Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
- 38 when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods cling together?
- 39 'Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
40 when they crouch in their dens,
or lie in wait in their covert?
- 41 Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God,
and wander about for lack of food?

Psalm Selection: VU826-27 Parts 1&2, Refrain 2 Psalm 104
Led by Iain Buchanan

Refrain 2

Melchior Vulpinus 1605
arr. Ernest Campbell MacMillan ca. 1930

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Refrain: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Part One (1-9)

One Praise God, O my soul.

All Eternal God, you are great indeed.

One You clothe yourself with light like a garment.

**All You spread the heavens like a tent; you lay out the
beams of your dwelling on the waters above.**

One You make the clouds your chariot,
and ride on the wings of the wind.

**All You make the winds your messengers,
and flames of fire your servants.**

One You fix the earth on its foundations,
so that it can never tremble.

All You cover the earth with the ocean as with a cloak. R

One When the waters covered the mountains,
they fled at your rebuke;

All at the sound of your thunder, they took flight.

One They flowed over the mountains, ran down the valleys
to the place you had appointed for them.

**All There you set limits not to be passed,
that they might not again cover the earth. R**

Part Two (24-35)

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: VU430

“God Be in My Head”

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing. < >

Young at Heart Time:

“Unexpected Visitors”

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

Iain Buchanan

10:35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ 36 And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ 37 And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ 38 But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ 39 They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

Reponses:

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 by the Spirit of the Holy.

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

All: Amen.

Meditation:

“Hard to See”

Music for Meditation

Please stand for 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.**

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

A Minute for Mission: *"An Abundance of Blessing in a Time of Need"*
Iain Buchanan

With your generous support, many Canadian seniors who might otherwise face empty plates this season are able to enjoy nutritious meals and maintain their dignity throughout the year.

The Food Security for Elders program relies on your support to provide grocery cards to Indigenous Elders in the Morley First Nation and Lethbridge, AB area, where access to healthy food is limited. Without your support, these seniors face the harsh reality of choosing between essential needs and nourishing meals. They need your help to ensure their tables are filled with the food they deserve.

In a time of rising grocery prices and economic challenges, your kindness ensures that our most vulnerable neighbours are not left to struggle with food insecurity. Your gifts help transform their experience from one of worry and scarcity to one of comfort and nourishment. With your support, Elders can enjoy healthier meals and maintain their well-being.

Your generosity through Mission and Service gives more than just food; it offers hope and a sense of community. As we continue through our seasons of gratitude, we extend our heartfelt thanks to you for making such a significant impact. Thank you.

Hymn: VU342

“You Servants of God”

- 1 You servants of God, your Saviour proclaim,
 and publish abroad that wonderful name;
 the name all victorious of Jesus extol,
 whose kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

- 2 God rules from on high, almighty to save,
 whose Word still is nigh, a presence we have.
 The great congregation God's triumph shall sing,
 ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

- 3 Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
 Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son!
 The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
 bow down in deep reverence and worship the Lamb.

- 4 Then let us adore and give as is right,
 all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
 all honour and blessing with angels above,
 and thanks never ceasing and infinite love. < >

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 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 the 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 and the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
 pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
 hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 feed me till I want no more,
 feed me till I want no more.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
 whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
 be thou still my strength and shield,
 be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
 death of death, and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side:
 songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to thee,
 I will ever give to thee. < >

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place with hope and celebration.

All: We go in joy.

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

All: We go in faith.

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

All: We go in anticipation.

One: We go in peace.

All: Peace be with us! Amen!

Sung Blessing:

“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 October 20, 2024

St. Mark's United Church, Cannifton

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for Oct 20

Duty	Dave Thom
Elevator	Carrie Varga
Greeters	Kathy Thom
	Debbie & Martin Noakes
Scripture Reader	Iain Buchanan
Minute for Mission	Mary Hess Northey
Congregational Elder	Maggie Crawford
Sunday School Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Nursery Coordinator	Alex Brunton/AI Bartholomew
Sound	Nelson Pickett
Video	Ken Nash, John Taylor
Videographer	Pastoral Care
Coffee Fellowship	Affirming Ministry
Coffee Fellowship (Nov)	

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, there is a line provided on the offering envelopes. ***Please make cheques payable to: "Northminster United Church"***. This can be placed on the offering plate.

Next date: November 10th . We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: treasureernuc@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.

PASTORAL CARE: If you know someone that is in the hospital that we should know about, please call the office and let us know. The hospital does not notify us & there is no longer access to a church list. If calling the church after hours, please leave a message 705-748-4881. Please keep in mind, we all need to take care of each other.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS If you are not on our weekly email list and would like to be, please let us know by sending us an email to: info@northminsteruc.ca

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN is Wednesday mornings. If you have an announcement you want placed in the bulletin, please "email" your submission to info@northminsteruc.ca

GRIEF GROUP Beginning Wednesday, October 2, 2024 to November 6, 2024 [*6 consecutive Wednesdays*] at 10:30 am to 12 noon, Rev Kevin Derry is leading a Grief Group. Please let us know if you plan on attending. Upon arrival, please come to the office.

Your Life. Your Legacy Presentation: Interactive discussion on the advantages of pre-arranging a funeral. It may also include a guest presenter on related subjects such as Estate Planning, Wills and Powers of Attorney, Fraud Prevention. A light lunch & beverage will be served on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Watch for further details.

A MEMORIAL WALL of REMEMBRANCE has been created on the bulletin board just outside the office for All Saints' Sunday on November 3rd. Please feel free to add a picture or write down words of remembrance. They will remain displayed until after Remembrance Day.

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