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Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 10 am

Creation Time 5 & World Communion Sunday

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:

Honouring the Importance of Community

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU226

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
- R God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light, R

- 3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, R
- 4 For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, R < >

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: The Holy calls us to honour the Spirit of Creation.

All: Called to gather around the Holy table.

One: The Holy calls us to move within the Spirit of Creation.

All: Called to gather with our siblings in faith around the world.

One: The Holy calls us to respond to the Spirit of Creation.

All: Called to share the love inherent in our sacrament of communion with our siblings in faith around the world.

One: Let us worship!

All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The promise of the Source of all Creation is that we are never abandoned or separated from the One who created us.

All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, we can be a transformative presence in Creation.

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24 *Maureen Pickett*

2:18 Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the human should be alone; I will make a partner.'¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the human to see what name they would receive; and whatever the human called each living creature, that was its name.²⁰ The human gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the human there was not found a partner.²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the human, and the human slept; then the Holy One took one of the human's ribs

and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the human the Holy One made into a partner and brought her to the human. ²³ Then the human said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one, too, shall be called Human,
for out of Human this one was taken.’

²⁴ Therefore humans leave their parents and cling to their partners, and they become one flesh.

Psalm Selection: VU732 (from Psalm 8) *Led by Maureen Pickett*
Psalm 8

Refrain

Michel Guimont 1990

Unison C Bm 7 Am 7 Bm 7 C C/D C

O God, our God, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth!

One O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!
From the lips of infants and children your praises
reach up to the heavens.

**All You have set up a stronghold against your foes,
to quell the enemy and the avenger. R**

One When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their places,

**All what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,
mere human beings that you should care for us? R**

One You have made us little less than divine,
and crowned us with glory and honour.

**All You have made us rulers over all your creation,
and put all things under our feet,**

One all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,

**All the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,
and all that make their way through the waters. R**

Hymn: VU544

“In Gratitude and Humble Trust”

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done. < >

Young at Heart Time:

“A New Partner”

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:2-16

Maureen Pickett

10:2 Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’³ He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’⁴ They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’⁵ But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.’⁶ But from the beginning of creation, “God made them as humans.”⁷ “For this reason they shall leave their parents and be joined together,⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh.⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.¹¹⁻¹² He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces one and marries another commits adultery.’

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.’¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Responses:

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 Source of all Creation.

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

All: Amen.

Meditation:

“Say What!?”

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: “It Starts with Education” *Maureen Pickett*

Through your generous support of Mission and Service, our partners are nurturing seeds of wisdom and faith in communities across the globe. By supporting educational initiatives, individuals are empowered to explore their spirituality, deepen their knowledge, and build a better future for themselves and their communities.

Imagine a classroom of kindergarteners in a refugee camp where children eagerly gather to learn about the world and their place in it. Picture a young adult discovering the profound teachings of their faith for the first time, safely supported by their peers. Consider a group of parents and guardians gathered in a workshop, sharing their hopes and dreams for their communities, guided by mentors who inspire them to lead with compassion and justice. Imagine people learning and restoring lost languages to preserve precious history and culture.

These moments of growth are at our heart, and they are made possible by your compassion and generosity. As we look to the future, the impact of educational initiatives through Mission and Service partners becomes even clearer. Every lesson learned, every skill acquired, and every relationship built contributes to a larger tapestry of hope and resilience.

Whether it's a child in a rural classroom or an adult in a leadership program, the education provided through Mission and Service partners is a beacon, guiding individuals toward a path of faith, understanding, and service. Together, we are sowing the seeds of a more compassionate world. Thank you.

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!

The Sacrament of Communion and the 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: VU559 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessings”

- 1 Come, O Fount of every blessing,
 tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
 call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
 sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
 mount of God's unfailing love.

- 2 Here I pause in my sojourning,
 giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
 God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
 precious presence, precious blood.

- 3 O, to grace how great a debt
 or daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
 bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,

wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place honouring the Source of all Creation.

All: We go in celebration.

One: Let us go from this place cherishing the gift of Creation.

All: We go in love.

One: Let us go from this place sharing the gift of Creation.

All: We go in hope and peace.

One: Let us go from this place healing the gift of Creation.
Let us 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 6, 2024

**Hastings Trinity United Church
Roseneath United Church**

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for Oct 6

Duty	Nelson Pickett
Elevator	Dave Underhill
Greeters	Gale Osmond, Bruce Newmaster Wayne Ferguson
Scripture Reader & Minute for Mission	Maureen Pickett
Communion Servers	Wayne & Carol Doherty Al & Lynn Bartholomew
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/Al Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Kathy Common
Coffee Fellowship	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, 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: October 13th. We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer:
treasurenuc@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.

LOST & FOUND:

There is a black “light weight” jacket that has been left behind. If you or someone you know has lost a jacket, please check them out. They are located on the coat rack by the elevator. If they aren't claimed by end of September, we will donate them to charity. We also have umbrellas that have been left behind.

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

TELECARE DISTRESS CENTRE OF PETERBOROUGH is recruiting telephone volunteers. Telecare offers non-judgemental active listening to worried, overwhelmed and lonely callers. For information about volunteer training and to apply, please visit www.telecarepeterborough.org. The next 50 hour training for new volunteers begins October 3rd, 2024.

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.

TRUSTEES MEETING on Wednesday, October 9th at 1 pm. In Upper Wright Hall.

INTRO TO BIBLE STUDY on Tuesday, October 8th, at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Friendship Room. Upon arrival please meet upstairs.

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.

Broadview

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