

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 10 am

11th 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 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: As we light the Christ candle,
listen for God's call to each of us.

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU175 "This Is the Day That God Has Made"

R This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

1 Christ has conquered death at last,
left the tomb that held him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
dawns the morning clear and bright! R

2 Jesus lives who once was dead,
lives forever, as he said!

Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing! R †

Life and Work of the Community

Call To Worship:

One: The Holy comes to us this morning, calling us by name.

All: We respond with surprise and joy.

One: The Holy comes to us, knowing us even before we were born.

All: So with thanksgiving let us worship God this morning with courage and conviction.

All: Let us worship God together.

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: In this season of Pentecost, the love of God assures us that Jesus is present to us. That the Holy Spirit rests upon us.

All: Let us celebrate God's promise of new life for us and for our world. Amen

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Kathy Common

The Call of Jeremiah

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth';

for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD."

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to break down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 71:1-6

VU789 Part One

Led by Kathy Common

Part One (1-6)

Refrain: A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

One In you, O God, I seek refuge; may I never be disappointed.

**All In your righteousness, save and rescue me;
incline your ear and deliver me.**

One Be a sheltering rock for me,
a fortress where I may find safety;

All for you are my rock and my stronghold.

One Rescue me, O God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

**All For you are my hope, my trust from my youth;
from the time of my birth I have leaned on 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:

“Courage”

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:10-17

Kathy Common

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman

^{13:10} Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’ ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.’ ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?’ ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’ ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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 as we live and love together in the
 midst of the Spirit if Pentecost.

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

All: Amen.

Meditation:

“Pausing the Rules”

Music for Meditation

Please stand for The New Creed

One Let us stand as we are able and 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: VU538

"For the Gift of Creation"

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give. †

Dedication of our Gifts

Hymn: VU560

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

- 1 O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
teach me thy secret, help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
with some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee,
in closer, dearer company,

in work that keeps faith sure and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

- 4 in hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,

in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live. †

The Prayers of the People and Prayer

As I live every day,
I want to be a channel for peace.
May I bring love where there is hatred
and healing where there is hurt,
joy where there is sadness
and hope where there is fear.
I pray that I may always try
to understand and comfort other people
as well as seeking comfort and understanding
from them.

Wherever possible, may I choose to be
a light in the darkness,
a help in times of need,
and a caring, honest friend.

And may justice, kindness, and peace
flow from my heart forever. Amen †

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU642

“Be Thou My Vision”

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,

thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

- 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all. †

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: As we leave this worship space this morning, the Promise
of God's Spirit walks with us.

All: Let us go out into the world with faith.

One: As we leave, we are called to continue God's work within
our community.

**All: Let us go forward knowing that God's hope, love and
peace sustains us. Amen!**

Sung Blessing: VU662

"Lead Me, God"

Lead me, God,
lead me in your righteousness;
make your way plain before my face.
For it is you, and you, God only,
who makes me to dwell in safety. †

Music as the Worship Service Concludes

Thank you to Rev John Taylor for leading our
Worship Service this morning.

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 August 24, 2025

Port Perry United Church

Thank You to This Week's Volunteers for Aug. 24th

Duty	Dave Thom
Elevator	Carol Murduff
Greeters	Kathy Thom, Jack Murduff
	Debbie Campbell
Scripture Reader	Kathy Common
Sound	Gale Osmond
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Resumes in September
Fellowship	Mission & Outreach
Fellowship (Sept)	Worship Committee

~~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 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

Next Date: xxx

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OUR NURSERY FOR OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN is along the main corridor across from the kitchen.

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.

Rev Kevin Derry is currently on Sabbatical returning September 2nd. If you require Pastoral Care during this time, we ask that you call the Church Office at 705-748-4881, after hours call Church Office and leave a message.

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED for Greeters & Elevator operator.

If you can spare a Sunday once a month or every 6 week to help out as a greeter or operate the elevator (no license required), it would be a huge help. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to give me a call. 705-748-4881