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Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 10 am

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Service Led by Dustin Bowers & Choir

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

Celebrating our own Community of Faith

Life and Work of the Community

Call To Worship:

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

All: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

One: For the Lord is good;

All: his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Words of Assurance:

One: The Spirit of Pentecost reminds us of the enduring, eternal presence of the Holy.

All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, we respond to the Pentecostal Spirit.

Hymn: VU342

“Ye 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. †

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 49:1-12

Dustin/Choir

Refrain: God is our refuge, God is our strength.

One: Hear this, all you people!
Give ear, all who inhabit the world,

**All: you of both low and high estate,
rich and poor together.**

One: My mouth shall speak words of wisdom, the thoughts of my heart are full of understanding.

All: I will turn my mind to a proverb, and with harp and song declare its meaning. R

One: Why should I fear when the days are evil,
when the wicked stalk my steps and harass me?

**All: They are people who trust in their wealth,
and boast of their abundant riches.**

**We see that the wise die as well as the foolish and
stupid; they perish, leaving their wealth to others.**

One: But wealth cannot redeem anyone, or pay God the value of
a person's own life. The tomb is their final home, their
dwelling-place forever, though once they called estates by
their own names.

**All: Like sheep, they head for the Tomb
with Death as their shepherd.**

One: But God will ransom my life;

All: from the power of the grave, God will save me. R

Hymn: VU356

“Seek Ye First”

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

3 We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah. †

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:13-21

Dustin/Choir

The Parable of the Rich Fool

12:13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to
divide the inheritance with me.”

14 Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter
between you?” 15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your
guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an
abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Gospel Response:

One: 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 of Pentecost.

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

All: Amen.

Music for Meditation:

Nola Wilson

Please stand for The New Creed

The New Creed:

VU918

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: VU658

“*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*”

- 1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.
- 2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.
- 3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.
- 4 O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be. †

Prayers of the People:

One: God of the joyful heart, we give you thanks for the
companionship of this, our faith community; for the
faithfulness of Jesus and his disciples who teach us how to
follow and to lead.

For your immeasurable generosity and the goodness you bestow on us, we pray together:

All: Gracious God, hear our prayer and in your love answer.

One: God of the listening heart, we pray for those who find the strain and pace of life too much; for those who have lost confidence in themselves; for those obliged to slow down because of ill health or increasing year; for those with too much to do and those with too little; and for all who are worn down in body or in mind by the burdens they carry, we pray together:

All: Gracious God, hear our prayer and in your love answer.

One: Dear God, bless the work of all those who are bringing aid to the troubled parts of our world. We think of places where allegiance to terrorism has run amok, where unnecessary loss of life paves the way for unnecessary pain and heartache to be born and the seeds of suspicion and hatred to be sown.

God, help us learn to find ways to truly love our neighbor and to accept the challenge of offering grace in courage and in faith and we pray together:

All: Gracious God, hear our prayer and in your love answer.

One: Be with us in the coming week, we pray, that as we are aware of your presence, we will hear and heed your voice wherever You call us. All this and more we give over to you in the name of Jesus, we pray:

All: Gracious God, hear our prayer and in your love answer.

One: Knowing that God hears all our prayers held silently in our hearts or offered aloud, we pray together the Paraphrase of the Jesus Prayer:

**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:**

VU916

**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: VU651 “Guide Me Thou O 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: The Spirit of Pentecost comes to give us strength and inspiration.

All: We go with renewed energy and commitment.

One: The Spirit of Pentecost comes to open our hearts and minds.

All: We go with compassion and acceptance.

One: The Spirit of Pentecost challenges us to bring the Realm of the Holy to the here and now.

All: We go into the world pursuing hope and peace.

One: Let us go in peace.

All: Peace be with 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 Dustin Bowers & the Choir
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 3rd, 2025

Port Hope United Church

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for August 3rd

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| Duty | Nelson Pickett |
| Elevator | Kathy Common |
| Greeters | Linda Munroe, Maureen Pickett, Wayne Ferguson |
| Scripture Reader | Dustin Bowers & Choir |
| 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: August 10th

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.

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