

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, May 10th, 2026 at 10 am

6th Sunday of Easter

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 Judgement-free Love of the Holy

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU213

“Rejoice, The Lord is King”

1 Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.

R Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above. R

3 God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given. R

4 Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice! †

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: Called to experience the love of the Holy, free of
judgement and expectation.

All: Hallelujah! The stone is moved!

One: Called to trust and spread that love.

All: Hallelujah! The tomb is empty!

One: Called to share an Easter faith as children of the Holy.

All: Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!

One: Let us worship!

All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The empty tomb symbolizes the resurrection miracle we
all strive for.

**All: Through faith and action, we share the resurrection
miracle.**

First Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

John Taylor

^{3:13} Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once

for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water.²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Responsive Selection: VU784-5 (Parts 2 & 3) from Psalm 66
Lead by John Taylor

**Refrain 2: God of all, to you we raise this our song of joyful
praise.**

Part Two (8-12)

One Bless our God, all peoples,
and let the sound of praise be heard.

**All God has preserved us among the living,
and kept our feet from stumbling.**

One For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

**All You led us into the desert,
you laid a burden upon our back,**

One you let sickness furrow our brow,
we passed through fire and water;

All but you brought us out to a land of plenty. R

Part Three (13-20)

One I will come to your house with burnt-offerings;
I will pay you my vows,

**All the vows which I made with my lips,
and swore with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

One I will offer fat beasts in sacrifice, a savoury offering of rams;

All I will prepare you an offering of bulls and goats. R

One Come then and listen, all you that fear God,
while I tell what God has done for me.

All I cried aloud to God; high praise was ready on my tongue.

One If I had cherished evil in my heart,
God would not have heard me.

**All But truly God has heard me,
has given heed to the voice of my prayer.**

One Blessed are you, O God,
for you have not rejected my prayer,

All nor withdrawn from me your steadfast love. R

Hymn: VU143

“My Song is Love Unknown”

1 My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow,
but people scorned, and none the longed-for Christ
would know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4 Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend. †

Young at Heart Time:

“An Eye for an Eye, or Not...”

Gospel Lesson: John 14:15-21

John Taylor

^{14:15} ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Response:

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

All: ...may we enter into the stories we hear, experiencing the Word of the Holy.

Reader: In the name of the Risen Jesus...

All: ...Amen.

Meditation: "Holy Promise"

Music for Meditation

Please stand for The New Creed

The New Creed VU918

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: VU540

“Grant Us, God, the Grace”

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully. †

Dedication of Our Gifts

Hymn: VU333

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

- 2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

- 3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise. †

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen †**

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU506

“Take My Life, And Let it Be”

- 1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.
- 3 Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
- 4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 5 Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place with the joy of the empty tomb.

All: We go in celebration.

One: Let us go from this place sharing the new life offered in
the resurrected Christ.

All: We go in love.

One: Let us go from this place sharing the good news offered in the resurrected Christ.

All: We go in hope and peace.

One: Let us go in peace.

All: Peace be with us! Amen!

Sung Blessing: VU963 “May the Grace of Christ Attend Us”
May the grace of Christ attend us,
and the love of God surround us,
and the Holy Spirit keep us,
now and ever. Amen. †

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 10th, 2026

Camborne United Church

Thank You to This Week's Volunteers for May 10, 2026

Duty	Al Bartholomew
Elevator	Wayne Doherty
Greeters	Carol Doherty, Marion Milburn, Kathy Green
Scripture Reader	John Taylor
Congregational Elder	Carol Murduff
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Sound	Gale Osmond
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Lynn Bartholomew
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**, - **May 10th** 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.

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH OUTREACH PLAN

Church Members are invited to a group discussion each Sunday at 11:30 am.

MUFFIN PARTY on Saturday, May 23rd, 2026 at 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Admission is \$5.00 Frozen Entrees & Soups, baking, crafts & plants will be available for purchase. Come out and enjoy muffins and fellowship.

