

**NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

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Music Director: Dustin Bowers

Sunday, July 27, 2025 at 10 am

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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**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, we celebrate that God is present with us and hears our prayers.

*Please stand for the Opening Hymn*

**Opening Hymn: VU236**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

- 1 Now thank we all our God, with heart,  
and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2 O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,

and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.

- 3 All praise and thanks to God  
for all that has been given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest  
who dwell in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. †

## **Life and Work of the Community**

### **Call To Worship:**

One: We gather as the People of God and lift our voices in prayer.

**All: We gather strengthened by God's Spirit.**

One: We gather knowing that God is with us here in this place.

**All: We gather knowing that God hears our prayers.**

**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 dwells in our hearts. That God's Holy Spirit rests upon us.

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

**First Lesson:** Colossians 2:1-6

*Nola Wilson*

<sup>2:1</sup> For I want you to know how much I am struggling for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face. <sup>2</sup> I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself,<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup> For

though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ. <sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives<sup>[b]</sup> in him.

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 63 VU # 781      *Led by Nola Wilson*

**Refrain 2: My soul is thirsting for you, O God, my God.**

One    You are my God, I long for you from early morning.  
My whole being desires you like a dry, worn, waterless  
land.  
My soul thirsts for you.

**All    In the sanctuary let me see how mighty are your  
works;  
your constant love is better than life itself,  
and so I will praise you. R**

One    I will give thanks as long as I live;  
I raise my hands in prayer.

**All    My soul will feast and be filled,  
and I will sing and praise you. R**

One    As I lie in bed, I remember you, O God;  
I think of you all night long,  
for you are my constant help.

**All    In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.  
I cling to you; your hand keeps me safe. R**

**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! (X2)

**Young at Heart:**    *“Looking for God”*

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 11:1-13    *Nola Wilson*

<sup>11:1</sup> He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ <sup>2</sup> He said to them, ‘When you pray, say:

Father,<sup>[a]</sup> hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.<sup>[b]</sup>

3 Give us each day our daily bread.<sup>[c]</sup>

4 And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial.<sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> ‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for<sup>[e]</sup> a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit<sup>[f]</sup> to those who ask him!’

**Meditation:**

*“A Conversation with God”*

**Music for Meditation**

*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: VU626**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus”

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
    your head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
    weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
    and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
    stoop down, and drink, and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
    of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
    and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    'I am this dark world's light;

look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done. †

### **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:**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

- 1 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
- 2 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for thy return!

With such I hasten to the place  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

- 3 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer! †

United Methodist Hymnal, 1989

### **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 July 27, 2025

**Edith Rankin Memorial, Kingston ON**

***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for July 27<sup>th</sup>***

Duty	Dave Thom
Elevator	Wayne Doherty
Greeters	Carol Doherty, Kathy Thom, Al Bartholomew
Scripture Reader	Nola Wilson
Sound	Gale Osmond
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Resumes in September
Fellowship	M&P
Fellowship (Aug)	Mission & Outreach

*~~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](mailto:treasurernuc@gmail.com)  
**Next Date:** August 10<sup>th</sup>

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** ... please contact Michele in the office to let her know you require offering envelopes. Email: [info@northminsteruc.ca](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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