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Sunday, June 28th, 2026 at 10 am

5th Sunday after Pentecost with Baptism

Music as We Gather

Sunday before Canada Day

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.

National Anthem: VU524

“O Canada”

Music as We Centre

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Celebrating the Joy of Diversity

Please stand for Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU337

“Blessed Assurance”

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

R This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. R

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. R †

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: God challenges us to celebrate the diversity within our communities.

All: We live and learn together.

One: God challenges us to share the hearts of our individual faiths with each other, learning from one another.

All: We live and love together.

One: Let us worship!

All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The holy winds of Pentecost encourage us to reflect and act in faith.

All: Through faith and action, we share the blessing of transformation through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn before Baptism: VU444 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

1 Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.

2 Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.

3 Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you;
live as one who bears Christ's name.

- 4 Child of God your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trusting in God's love and care. †

Sacrament of Baptism and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Faith:

Now we are about to celebrate that gift of God's grace given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism as we reaffirm together our Baptismal Faith.

**All We are one body and one spirit.
We have one hope in God's call to us.**

There is in each of us the hope and promise of God, Creator of all.

All Out of the waters of Baptism we rise with new life, with Christ, members of Christ's Body.

Congregational Elder:

Carol Murduff

I present **Beckham Stephen Davis and Ella Martha Keller** for initiation into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism.

To Parents/Guardians of those to be baptized:

Do you desire to have your child baptized?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you accept the responsibility of acting and speaking on your child's behalf? Will you show your child by your example the Christian life, and will you grow with your child in faith?

I will, God being my helper.

To all who have come forward:

I ask you now, do you wish to reaffirm your baptismal faith?

I do, by the grace of God.

Do you 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?

I do, by the grace of God.

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words and actions?

I will, by the grace of God.

Will you join with your sisters and brothers in the community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

I will, by the grace of God.

Would all who are gathered here today stand in body or spirit as you are able? To the community of Northminster United Church, as a baptized and baptizing Church, do you commit yourselves to support and nurture these persons within a community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?"

We Do!

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. †

(the People are seated)

The presence of the Holy is within us and around us.

It is so.

We lift up our hearts.

We are filled with joy and expectation.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(Now water is poured visibly and audibly into the font.)

Blessed are you, Great Creator, maker of heaven and earth, Keeper of sky and sea. We see your nourishing life-giving presence in the sign of water. At the beginning your Spirit was at work, brooding over the waters of creation's birth, breaking the waters with the word of light, bringing forth life in all its fullness. Again and again you have shown us your grace as water— in the healing pools of Bethsada, parting the waters for the exodus, flowing from the rock in the wilderness.

Blessed are you, O God.

In the fullness of time, you gave us Jesus: nurtured in the waters of Mary's womb, baptized by John in the River Jordan, giver of living water, wellspring of eternal life.

Blessed are you, O God.

Therefore, eternal and present God, we bless you for the water with which you bless us. We pray that those who are baptized into the promise of Jesus, the Christ may live in your grace. Pour out, Divine Love, your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this water, that this font may become your womb of new birth, our fount of blessing, and source of grace. May all who share in this baptism, being one in Christ, be nurtured by the bread of life.

**Now to you be given
all glory, praise, honour, and faith,
forever and forever! Amen!**

The Baptism:

Beckham Stephen Davis / Ella Martha Keller, I baptize you in the name of God the Creator, and of the Redeeming Son, and of the Sustaining Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Beckham / Ella, with the sign of the cross you are marked as Christ's forever.

Amen!

Beckham / Ella, the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may remain a faithful witness of Jesus Christ.

Amen!

Baptismal Benediction

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us celebrate together with these people!

All who join in this baptismal covenant and its reaffirmation are the Body of Christ in the world. Go in peace!

Amen!

(then all return to their places, and the service continues)

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

Jim Boothby

^{22:1} After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ² He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' ⁸ Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ¹² He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

Responsive Selection: VU734

(from Psalm 13)
Lead by Jim Boothby

Refrain: Be still, my soul, for God is on your side.

One How long, O God, will you utterly forget me?

All How long will you hide your face from me?

One How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,
and be so grieved in my heart day and night?

All How long shall my enemy triumph over me? R

One Look at me, and answer me, O God my God;

All give light to my eyes, lest I fall asleep in death,

One lest my enemies claim to have prevailed against me,

All lest my foes rejoice at my downfall.

One But my trust is in your mercy.

All Let my heart be joyful in your salvation.

One I will sing to you, O God,

All because you have dealt so lovingly with me.

I will praise your name, O God most high. R

Young at Heart Time:

“Complete Trust”

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:40-42

Jim Boothby

^{10:40} ‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.’⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

Response:

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

All: ...may we sense the Spirit of Pentecost and be guided by Holy Love.

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

All: ...Amen.

Meditation:

“Being You”

Music for Meditation

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

Hymn: VU681 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
 where sound the cries of race and clan,
 above the noise of selfish strife,
 we hear your words of life again.

- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
 on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
 from paths where hide the lures of greed,
 we catch the vision of your tears.

- 3 The cup of water given for you
 still holds the freshness of your grace;
 yet long these multitudes to view
 the strong compassion of your face.

- 4 O Jesus, from the mountain side,
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 among these restless throngs abide,
 and tread the city's streets again,

- 5 till all the world shall learn your love
 and follow where your feet have trod,
 till glorious from your heaven above
 shall come the city of our God. †

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer: A Translation

**All: Our Mother and 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,
forever and ever. Amen. †

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU327

“All Praise to Thee”

- 1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine:
hallelujah; hallelujah!
- 2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
hallelujah; hallelujah!
- 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
hallelujah; hallelujah!
- 4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:
hallelujah; hallelujah!
- 5 Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God eternal be by all adored:
hallelujah; hallelujah!

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place inspired by the Holy Spirit.

All: We go in faith.

One: Let us go from this place prepared to transform the
communities of which we are a part.

All: We go in love.

One: Let us go from this place challenged to open ourselves to the Spirit around us.

All: We go in hope and peace.

One: Let us go in peace.

All: Peace be with us! Amen!

Sung Blessing: VU964 (x2)

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you everywhere,

Everywhere you may go. †

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 June 28th, 2026

Sandford Zephyr United Church, Sandford

Thank You to This Week's Volunteers for June 28th, 2026

(A new volunteer schedule is posted for July to September)

Duty	Jaymes Winch
Elevator	Paula Winch
Greeters	Judy Henderson, Fran Morton
Scripture Reader	Jim Boothby
Congregational Elder	Carol Murduff
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Sound	Al Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Ken Nash, John Taylor
Fellowship	M & P

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANADA DAY, Wed., July 1st, the office will be closed.

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. Bring a friend!!

June 30th will be the last gathering until the fall.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY- is held on the **2nd Sunday of each month**, - **July 12th** 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

June 28th BAPTISM SUNDAY

We celebrate the Baptism of Beckham Stephen Davis and Ella Martha Keller and we welcome their family and friends to our morning worship service. Following the service "**Strawberry Shortcake**" Dessert will be served in Upper Wright Hall. (*free will offering*)

Keene and Hiawatha United Churches want to extend an invitation to all of the churches in Peterborough County to a worship service at Lang Pioneer Village on Sunday July 19th at 10:30 a.m. in the Agricultural Barn at the North end of the Village, 104 Lang Road, Keene.

As has been the custom, the offering from that service will be donated to Lang Pioneer Village (giving all attendees admission to the Village). Following the service, we are welcome to gather for a picnic lunch and enjoy the buildings and exhibits at Lang.