

**NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

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*Trinity Sunday*

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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 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 Order in the Midst of Chaos

*Please stand for Opening Hymn*

**Opening Hymn: VU220** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;  
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health  
and salvation.  
Come, all who hear:  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.
  
- 2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,  
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
how all you needed has been  
met by God's gracious ordaining?

- 3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work  
and defend us;  
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who out of love will befriend us.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath come now with praises before  
him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from God's people again:  
gladly with praise we adore him. †

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

#### **Call to Worship:**

- One: And God said, "Let there be light!"  
**All: Called to leave the darkness so often around us.**  
One: And there was light.  
**All: Called to gather in the light to praise and pray.**  
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.**

#### **First Lesson:** Genesis 1:1 – 19

*Carrie Varga & Kevin*

- K: <sup>1</sup> In the beginning when God created the heavens and the  
earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered  
the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the  
face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said,  
C: 'Let there be light';  
K: and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good;  
C: I will separate the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> I will call the light  
Day, and the darkness I will call Night.

K: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.  
<sup>6</sup> And God said,

C: 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters and let it separate the waters from the waters.' <sup>7</sup> I will make the dome and separate the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. <sup>8</sup> I will call the dome Sky.'

K: And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup> And God said,

C: 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place and let the dry land appear. <sup>10</sup> I will call the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together I will call Seas. Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.'

K: And it was so. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.  
<sup>14</sup> And God said,

C: 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth. Let there be the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> I will set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness.'

K: And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

**Responsive Selection: VU732**

(from Psalm 8)

*Lead by Carrie Varga*

**Refrain: O God, our God, how glorious is your name in  
all the earth!**

One O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!  
From the lips of infants and children your praises reach up to  
the heavens.

**All You have set up a stronghold against your foes,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger. R**

One When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their places,  
**All what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,  
mere human beings that you should care for us? R**

One You have made us little less than divine,  
and crowned us with glory and honour.

**All You have made us rulers over all your creation,  
and put all things under our feet,**

One all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,

**All the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,  
and all that make their way through the waters. R**

**Hymn: VU296**

“This Is God’s Wondrous World”

1 This is God's wondrous world,  
and to my listening ears  
    all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought  
    of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is God's wondrous world:  
the birds their carols raise;  
    the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
    in the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.

3 This is God's wondrous world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
    that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
    Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:  
    God reigns, let earth be glad! †

**Young at Heart Time:**

*“Chaos Game”*

K: <sup>20</sup> And God said,

C: 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky. <sup>21</sup> I will create the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind.'

K: And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying,

C: 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas and let birds multiply on the earth.'

K: <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> And God said,

C: 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind. Make it so. <sup>25</sup> I will make the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind.'

K: And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said,

C: 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. <sup>27</sup> I will create humankind in my image, in the image of me I will create them; male and female I will create them.'

K: <sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them,

C: 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and care for it; and have stewardship over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. <sup>29</sup> See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth,

everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.'

K: And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that was made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## Response

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

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

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

**All: ...Amen.**

**Meditation:** *"Let There be Light"*

## 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.**



R All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
in love, God made them all. †

**Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer:**

**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: VU227**

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God. †

## **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 May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**Grace United Church, Napanee**

## ***Thank You to This Week's Volunteers for May 31, 2026***

Duty	Jaymes Winch
Elevator	Paula Winch
Greeters	Judy Henderson, Fran Morton, Mary Hess Northey
Scripture Reader	Carrie Varga
Congregational Elder	Carol Murduff
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Sound	Gale Osmond
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Ken Nash, John Taylor
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**, - **June 14<sup>th</sup>** 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)

### **THE FORWARD PATH AT NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

Ever feel like you're just going through the motions? Like you should have things figured out by now...but don't? This could be for you!  
For further information contact: [theforwardpath@outlook.com](mailto:theforwardpath@outlook.com)  
Next gathering is June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, 6 pm & 7:30 pm.

### **KAWARTHA CHAMBER MUSIC COLLECTIVE - June 12th**

The Kawartha Chamber Music Collective will be performing at Northminster United Church on **Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.** This is a fundraising activity for the church and for the musicians, so please lend your support and join us for an evening of beautiful classic music!

**CHURCH BBQ PICNIC** will be held on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> following the Worship Service at approx. 11:30 on the lawn space beside the driveway. Please bring your own lawn chair and sunscreen.

Burgers, salads and desserts will be served. Games for the kids to enjoy. Everyone is Welcome!!