

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 10 am

5th Sunday in Creation Time

World Communion Sunday

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 the Community that Gathers at Tables Around the World

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU231

“I Sing the Mighty Power”

- 1 I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command
and all the stars obey.

- 2 I sing the goodness of the One
who filled the earth with food;

who formed the creatures with a word,
and then pronounced them good.
O God, your wonders are displayed
where'er I turn my eye;
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

- 3 There's not a plant or flower below
but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be,
you, God, are present there. †

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: Called to experience the presence of the Holy.

All: Hallelujah! The Creator calls us to gather around the Holy table!

One: Called to see the Holy in different ways and places.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Called to share the promise of Holy Love with friend and stranger alike.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Let us worship!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

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

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

First Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Matt Kraft

^{1:1} Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Responsive Selection: VU858

(from Psalm 137)

Led by Matt Kraft

Refrain: By the rivers of Babylon, there we wept.

One By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept
when we remembered Zion.

**All There on the willows we hung up our harps
when our captors asked us for songs.**

One Our tormentors called for entertainment, saying,

All 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!' R

One How could we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

All If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my hands wither!

One Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you,

All if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. R

Hymn: VU663

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

- 1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day be wholly thine.
- 2 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide,
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
- 3 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire. †

Young at Heart Time:

“Dinner Time!”

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:5-10

Matt Kraft

^{17:5} The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ ⁶ The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

⁷ ‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!””

Responses

Reader: 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 Creation.

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

All: Amen.

Meditation:

“Food for Thought”

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 before Communion: VU467

“One Bread, One Body”

- R One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.
- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. R
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. R
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. R

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Jesus Prayer: VU916

A Paraphrase

**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:
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: VU288

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
- R Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!
- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. R
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R †

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: The Spirit of Creation comes to give us strength and inspiration.

All: We go with renewed energy and commitment.

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

All: We go with compassion and acceptance.

One: The Spirit of Creation 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:

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will be with you each hour of everyday.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching you with love;
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. 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 October 5, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church, Queensborough

Thank You to This Week's Volunteers for October 5th

Duty	Nelson Pickett
Elevator	Gerry Milburn
Greeters	Marion Milburn, Linda Munroe Joyce Armstrong
Scripture Reader	Matt Kraft
Sound	Gale Osmond
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Ken Nash, John Taylor
Fellowship	Pastoral Care
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JOIN US FOR COFFEE TIME each Tuesday morning at 10 am. beginning October 7th at Northminster United Church in Upper Wright Hall for a warm cup of coffee or tea and possibly a little snack. Bring a friend!!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY will be held on **October 12th, 2025** at 10 am. If you wish to become a member at Northminster United Church, please let us know as soon as possible.

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: **October 12th**

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR... More information to follow

Sunday, November 16 th	Guest Speaker from PATH (Peterborough Action for Tiny Homes)
Saturday, November 22 nd	Church Bazaar
Sunday, November 23 rd	Adult Choir Concert during service
Friday, December 5 th	Eastside Dinner
Sunday, December 14 th	Children's Choir during service



Rehearsal Dates for Children's Choir

- Sunday, October 5th at 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday, October 19th at 11:30 a.m.

A flyer with an orange-to-yellow gradient background. At the top left is the logo for Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society, which includes a stylized green and orange figure. The text 'Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society' is next to it. Below the logo, the text 'Let's Talk about Fostering!' is written in a large, bold, black font. At the bottom, there is a photograph of five diverse children standing together and smiling. To the left of the photo, there is a QR code and the text: 'Email foster@khsas.on.ca to learn more about how you can make a difference in a child's life!'