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Sunday, September 20th, 2026 at 10 am

2nd Sunday in Creation Time

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 Joy and Promise Found in Creation

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU216 "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

1 Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty power hath made,
God's gracious mercy keepeth:
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
within the shelter of God's might,

lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

3 Our God is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace, and joy, and blessing;
as with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in your God, my heart!
Both soul and body take your part:
to God all praise and glory! †

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: The Holy calls us from the busyness around us.
All: Called to pause and gather with each other and the Holy.
One: The Holy challenges us to embrace God's equity.
All: Challenged to see the Holy in all of humanity.
One: Let us worship!
All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The presence of the Holy in all Creation reminds us we are loved and never alone.
All: Through faith and action, we share the blessing of Holy presence in all Creation.

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15 *Carrie Varga*

16:2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses
and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 The Israelites said to them, 'If only we
had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by

the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. 5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' 6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' 8 And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."' 10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. 11 The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 12 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."'

13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?'[For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Responsive Selection: VU828 (Parts 1 & 4) (from Psalm 105)

Led by Carrie Varga

Part One (1-11)

One Give thanks and call on God's name.
Make known to the nations what God has done.

All Sing, O sing the songs of praise;
tell of all God's wonderful deeds.

One Exult in God's holy name;

All let those who seek God be joyful in heart. R

One Turn for help to the One who is your strength;
seek God's presence continually.
All Remember the marvels the Most High has done,
the wonders and judgements God has given,
One O children of Abraham and Sarah, God's servants,*
All O offspring of Israel, chosen of God. R

One You are the eternal God,
All your justice reaches every corner of the earth.
One You are ever mindful of your covenant,
the promise you gave to a thousand generations,
All the covenant you made with Sarah and Abraham,
the oath you gave to Isaac.
One You confirmed it for Jacob as binding.
To Israel your everlasting covenant you declared,
All 'To you I give the land of Canaan,
as your appointed inheritance.' R

Part Four (37-45)

One You led Israel out, with spoil of silver and gold.
Among the tribes not one fell behind.
All The Egyptians were glad when they went,
for dread of Israel had fallen upon them.
One You spread cloud as a screen,
All and fire as light by night.
One The people asked, and you sent them quail;
you filled them with bread from heaven.
All You opened a rock and water gushed out:
It flowed like a river through the arid land. R

One For you remembered the sacred promise
you made to Abraham and Sarah, your servants.
All You led out your people rejoicing,
your chosen ones with songs of gladness.
One You gave them the lands of nations;
All they took possession where others had toiled,
that they might keep your laws and obey your teachings. R

Young at Heart Time: *"The Squeaky Wheel"*

Hymn: VU669 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

1 Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,

while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

2 Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, ah! leave me not alone;
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness:
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart;
rise to all eternity. †

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16 *Carrie Varga*

20:1 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early
in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with
the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his
vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others
standing idle in the market-place; 4 and he said to them, "You also go
into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they
went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock,
he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others

standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” 7 They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” 9 When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” 13 But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Response

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...
All: …may we sense the Spirit of Creation in these words we have heard.
Reader: In the name of Jesus, the Christ...
All: …Amen.

Meditation: *“Fair is Fair”*

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: VU542 "We Give You but Your Own"

We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully. †

Dedication of Our Gifts

Hymn: VU595 "We are Pilgrims"

1 We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

2 Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6 Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too. †

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer: **VU910**

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: VU264 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee! †

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place challenged by the gift of Creation.
All: We go in Hope.
One: Let us go from this place as Co-creators with the Holy.
All: We go in love.
One: Let us go from this place to heal the pain of Creation.
All: We go in peace.
One: Let us go in peace and faith.
All: Peace be with us! Amen!

Sung Blessing: VU962 "May the Blessing of God Go Before You"
May the blessing of God go before you.
May her grace and peace abound.
May her Spirit live within you.
May her love wrap you 'round.
May her blessing remain with you always.
May you walk on holy ground. †

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 Sept. 20, 2026

Moscow & Riverside United Churches, Yarker ON

Thank You to This Week's Volunteers for Sept 20th

Duty	Carrie Varga
Elevator	John Tewsley
Greeters	Marion Milburn, Dave Underhill Linda Munroe
Scripture Reader	Carrie Varga
Congregational Elder	Carol Murduff
Sound	Gale Osmond
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Ken Nash, John Taylor
Fellowship	Pastoral Care Ministry

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

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.**

TUESDAY COFFEE HOUR each Tuesday at 10 am. We gather in Upper Wright Hall. Coffee/Tea and a snack are provided. A great way to meet people. Bring a friend!



BIBLE STUDY

Study Name: The Relevance of Scripture as Northminster Moves Forward

Start Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2026

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Northminster United Church in Sanctuary

What to bring: your favorite bible and an open mind

Please sign up on the sheet outside Kevin's office

ATTENTION OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS: the mail folders have been moved back into Room 1.

SUNDAY COFFEE SCHEDULE (following Worship Service) requires volunteers for the month of October to prepare the coffee/tea. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board beside the Church Office.