



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

September 10, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome!

“As followers of Christ, we are called to be a worshipping and learning, receiving and giving community of faith, hope and love.” – Newcastle United Church Mission Statement

As we gather as a faith community, we acknowledge that we are on sacred land rich in the legacy, culture, and spirituality of the Indigenous people. It is home to many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people. We acknowledge that we live and work on land that is under the Williams Treaty, which has been the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee Nations, as well as many other Indigenous nations. These lands today are under the care of the Mississauga's of the New Credit First Nations people.

We acknowledge this land, out of respect for the many Indigenous nations who have cared for the lands and waterways from the beginning of time and continue to do so. Today we are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and to worship on their traditional lands.

We are committed to learn and understand the truth of our shared history, confronting our past and present so that we can strive to build a future together upon true reconciliation, living out what the original ancestors of Turtle Island envisioned: sharing the resources of the land and waterways, and to live in harmony with one another as one people.

Approaching God With Praise

Welcome and Announcements

*** Indicates for congregation to stand as you are able.**

Prelude (A centering time)

Lighting The Christ Candle

L: We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot be held back by distance, blocked out by power, or extinguished by fear. The Light of Christ shines no matter where we are or the circumstances the world faces. Christ's light is always present.

***Responsive Song "There Is Room For All" x2**

There is room for all
in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all,
sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust"
There is room for all,
there is room for all!

***Call to Worship**

L: Creator we come to worship you today in spite of the many directions that life offers us daily.

A: We often struggle and hope that we choose the direction in our decisions that lead to you, Holy One.

L: Many of these paths look the same. Creator, let your Living Spirit help us discern which of these pathways entice us down false and dangerous roads.

A: Who will guide us?

L: Christ will guide us!

A: How?

L: Jesus' life calls us to be examples of compassion, healing and hope in all situations. This will guide us in all we do and say.

A: Holy One, show us how to follow the One called Jesus as we worship in your Holy Name

Opening Prayer

Lord of summer sunshine and autumn harvest, be with us this day as we gather to encounter your word and your way for us. Remind us that we can place our trust in your eternal love. Enable us to be more effective in our witness to that love by word and deed. Guide our steps and pick us up when we falter. Dust us off and place us on the pathways of grace and service. These things we pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.(By Nancy Townley)

***Hymn: Called By Earth And Sky MV 135**

REFRAIN

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain
the wash of love again. **REFRAIN**

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blown through this place,
our gathering and our grace. **REFRAIN**

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song. **REFRAIN**

Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one. **REFRAIN**

Words & Music: Pat Mayberry

Welcoming One Another

Listening For The Spirit Of God Through The Word

Scripture Readings:

Hebrew Text: Exodus 3:1-15

Response

L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of
God among us, for the Word of God within us,

A: **We give praise for the presence of God through
the Word.**

Conversation Time

Hymn: Here I am Lord

VU 509

Reflection: “Are You Willing?”

Our Response To The Living Spirit Of God

Offering Invitation

***The Offertory** Response All is Done For The Glory Of
God Vs. 2&4 MV 34

Life is lived for the glory of God.
Amen! Amen!
All depends upon our Glorious God.
Amen! Amen!
Amen! Amen! Amen!
All is done for the glory of God.
Amen! Amen!

All is giv'n for the glory of God
Amen! Amen!
All depends upon our Glorious God.
Amen! Amen!
Amen! Amen! Amen!
All is done for the glory of God.
Amen! Amen!

Dedication Prayer (*Unison*)

Ministry of Music: Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

Prayers of the People

***Closing Hymn: MV 209 Go Make A Difference**
REFRAIN

Go, make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.

We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world. **REFRAIN**

We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world. **REFRAIN**

So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world. **REFRAIN**

***Commissioning**

Benediction *Sung Blessing - "Go Now In Peace"

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Hymn book.**