



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

April 13th, 2025

10:30 am

Palm/Passion Sunday
Rev Bryan Ransom MDiv
Donna Barber ARCT

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

Land Acknowledgement

***Please stand as you are able.**

Prelude (A centering time) “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Traditional Spiritual Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Lighting The Christ Candle

We light the Christ Candle in hope that the light glows, reconnecting us with the Spirit of the Living Christ as we worship together in this place.

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves...What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation." — Catherine Doherty

***Opening Hymn VU 376**

v. 1

“Spirit of The Living God”

1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Call To Worship

L: The journey with Jesus, has been long and at times difficult.

A: During this Lenten journey we have witness the mysteries of God’s love.

L: Jesus comes to us revealing God's glory.

A: Jesus rides into Jerusalem and into our hearts.

L: Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name!

A: Hosanna in the highest! AMEN.

(by Nancy C. Townley modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

***Hymn VU 123 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

vv. 1-3

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna
the happy children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.**
- 2 From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and singing clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
content that little children
should on his bidding wait.**
- 3 'Hosanna in the highest!'
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence
eternally rejoice!**

Extinguishing- Sixth Lenten Candle – Unity – Opening Prayer

Lenten Liturgy by Mary Jo Harrison/ UC Gathering 2025 L/E p.68

***Hymn VU 108**

v.1

“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”

**1 Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.**

***Listening For The Spirit Of God
Through The Word***

Scripture Reading

New Testament: Luke 19:28-40

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.

***Hymn VU 124 He Came Riding On A Donkey**

**1 He came riding on a donkey,
he came riding into town;
slow and easy kind of lowly
he came riding with the dawn.
His disciples walked beside him,
staying close, a little shy;
not too sure where he would guide them,
on to live or on to die.
But all the morning sang his praises;**

waking birds and dancing wind;
here he is, the Son of David;
riding on to take his throne.

2 Then the children gathered, singing
shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
in the streets their song was ringing,
'Hosannas' filled the morning air.
Timid adults strained to see him,
caught the Spirit, joined the song;
spread their cloaks along before him,
branches flashing in the sun.
So all the city sang his praises;
waking streets and dancing crowd;
here he is, the Son of David;
our Messiah, Son of God.

3 In our fasting, and our feasting,
called to follow in his way;
called to walk his road to Easter,
called to live his cross today.
Hosanna to the Son of David,
hosanna in the heavens above;
blessed is he who comes to save us,
blessed is he who brings his love.
Let us join to sing his praises;
open hearts and souls to God;
he is with us, Son of David;
God's Messiah, Christ the Lord.

Reflection "Everything is in Motion"

Ministry of Music "The Palms"

Composed by Th. Baker & Jean-Baptiste Faure

Announcements

Sunday April 13th, 2025

Welcome! **We enjoy open seating**, so please, sit where you feel comfortable, and meet a new friend.

Today's Greeters are Bob and Florence Inkster.

Scripture Reader is Donna Scott.

Bible Study will be on Wednesday this week.



Coffee Time

Please join us in the church hall for fellowship after the service. Today's treats brought to you by Ministry and Personnel.

Tax Receipts

Any Tax Receipts not picked up recently, have been mailed out. Please watch your mailbox if you are looking for one.

Easter Flowers for the Sanctuary

If you are interested in flowers for the Sanctuary for Easter, reach out to Lynne in the office and she will coordinate with Wendy to have Flowers placed and recognition notes in the Bulletin.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on May 4th, immediately after the service. Please share with everyone.

Dates to Take Note of....

April 14 th 7:00 pm	Meeting of the Official Board
April 24 th , 7:00 pm	Vision 200 Meetings
May 4 th , after Service	Congregational Meeting
Communion Dates.... April 13 th , 10:30 am April 18 th , 10:30 am April 20 th , 10:30 am	Palm Sunday Good Friday Easter Sunday
May 11 th	Baptism
June 8 th , Pentecost	Communion, 100 th Anniversary United Church

Meredith Cutting Concert

Newcastle United Church will be again hosting an evening of song with Meredith. “Love and Spring are in the Air” Please join us on April 26th, at 7 pm. Free Will Offering.

Knitting & Crocheting Group

The Knitting and Crocheting group will meet Wednesdays after Bible Study, about 11:30. Blankets/Shawls would be donated to cancer patients. If you are interested, please reach out to her at 289-385-0888 or 65vmuscat@gmail.com.

Reminders.....

Announcements for Bulletin – please make sure to reach out to Lynne before NOON on Thursdays to get announcements into the Bulletin.

Hearing Assist Devices - We have a number of hearing assist devices that are available at the back AV desk in the sanctuary. Ask Richard or Brian to use one during services.

Lynne's Office Hours – Lynne is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 to 4 pm. She can be reached by phone or email.

Flowers in the Sanctuary



The Harrison/Gosse Family has placed flowers in the Sanctuary in memory of Anne Harrison. It has been a year since she passed.

With Love Always, Stuart, Barbara and Colleen
Harrison, Doggies and Kitty Cats! ❤️



Stewardship Second

April 13: Palm Sunday

Is it service? Is it clothes? Is it money? Is it yourself? What will you offer to celebrate Jesus this week?

We appreciate all donations and can accept PAR, envelope givings, and e-transfer at nucetransfer@gmail.com using the answer “Newcastle”. You can also send via Canadahelps.org **You can scan our QR code to the left to donate.** If you have any questions please contact our treasurer, Susan at 289-927-6297 or office@newcastleunitedchurch.org



Thank you for your donations which make our continued ministry possible.

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Our Response

Invitation to The Offering

***The Offertory Hymn VU 544**

“In Gratitude And Humble Trust”

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.**

**O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

Dedication Of The Offering

Communion

Invitation to the Table

***Hymn VU 469 We Gather Here**

**1 We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.**

**No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.**

**2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.**

We are now a family of which Christ is the head;

**though unseen he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.**

**3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Let us Rejoice!

In celebration we shout out that that Jesus comes in the Lord's Name.
He came to us, humbly riding on a donkey.

A: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name.

Glory to God! Hosanna!

Praise and Celebration

L: Lord God, loving Friend and Parent,

You deserve our worship, our love and our devotion, Because You have entered our broken world, You have joined us on our journey of pain and pleasure, of sorrow and joy, and have given us access to life eternal and abundant. We lift our voices to praise You, O God.

A: We lift our voices to praise You, O God

L: We celebrate Your coming to us,

Not with political power or military might, Not with glamour or fame or wealth, But in humility and love, gentleness and with great compassion.

A: We lift our voices to praise You, O God.

Confession

L: Jesus, we recognise that Your life among us was one of sacrifice. That You came to confront hatred, fear, violence and evil in us. In the temple

You threw over the tables of greed and injustice. You come in us doing the same. Forgive us when we resist Your coming. When we reject You and seek to silence Your transforming and challenging influence.

Silent confessions are offered.

**A: Have mercy on us, O God,
Do not cease to come to us and to call us to life. Help us to embrace the way of the cross
And to live in the power of Your death-defying love. For Jesus' sake.
Amen.**

Pastoral Prayers

L: O Lord our God,

We bring before You the needs of our world,

A: broken by division and suspicion, by hatred and war.

(Pause – What are your prayers for our global community)

L: We bring You the needs of our land,

A: the hungry and homeless, the wounded and despairing.

(Pause – Lift up your prayers for the needs of others)

L: We bring You the needs of ourselves and our loved ones,

A: seeking Your peace and healing, Your wisdom and protection.

(Pause – What are you your prayers for loved ones and for yourself)

L: Hear us, O God, and come to us,

**A: In compassion and love rescue and restore us,
And make us a people in whom Your gentle reign is seen.**

L: In unity let us pray “Creator who art in heaven.....”

L: Let us open the gates of our hearts

A: That the Sovereign God of Glory may come in

L: Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving

A: God deserves all honour and blessing.

It is our privilege and joy to exalt the Lord in every place and every moment.

**And so, Dear God, we offer You our worship through Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who comes to us humbly and riding on a donkey's foal.**

(By John. van de Laar)

L: Holy are you, Sustainer of the weary,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Love become human.

He emptied himself of glory, to be filled with our broken hopes and hearts.

He chose the path of suffering love,

so that we could run through the streets of the kingdom

waving branches of joy.

He walked the sin-cold stones into the tomb which could not hold him, so

we could join our voices together in proclaiming,

'Hosanna! Hosanna! He is risen!'

As we journey through Jerusalem and beyond,

as we struggle with death, loss, and grief

we would ponder that mystery we call faith:

A: In trust, Christ died.

In joy, Christ was raised to new life.

in hope, Christ will come again.

Here at the Table graced with creation's gifts, we discover the world you intend. Here where You love enlivens the bread and the cup we are given more than enough of everything we need.

Sharing deeply in the Spirit, where we can give hope its wings, as it

carries us to serve the broken all around us.
Strengthened by the grace with which You feed us,
we can join together to sustain the weary of the world.
And when the gates of joy have been opened to us,
we will spend moment by moment,
every knee in creation bending,
singing our praises to you,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen. (By Thom M. Shuman)

Remembering

L: The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His death, shared a meal with His followers.

Taking the bread, He gave thanks, broke it, and offered it to them with these words:

This is My body broken for you. Remember Me whenever you eat.

After the meal, taking the cup of wine,

He gave thanks, and offered it to them with these words:

This is My blood poured out for you, Remember Me whenever you drink.

And so, now O Lord, we eat and drink in memory of Jesus and His great love,

And in this simple meal

we proclaim His death and resurrection,

giving life to all people. Amen (By John van de Laar)

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Please come down the center aisle and return to your place by the side aisle. Please place empty communion cups in the baskets on the front pew. Thank you.

For those who are unable please let the ushers know by raising your hand so we can serve you.

Prayer in Unison

God of hope and life we give you thanks for the for the food that we have received for our journey from this table. Guide our hearts, our thoughts throughout Holy Week as we meet the challenges of being faithful to you alone, as we seek ways of being your presence and light in creation. Amen

***Closing Hymn VU 134**

vv. 1, 2

“Shadows Gather, Deep and Cold”

**1 Shadows gather, deep and cold;
lamplight flickers, fades and fails.
Lord, you know what daybreak
holds:
thorns and beatings, cross and nails.
You will be denied, betrayed
when the rooster wakes the sun.
Yet you kneel alone and pray,
'Not my will, but thine be done.'**

**2 In the watches of the night,
In the hour when darkness
reigns,
in the grief that has no light,
in the time of fear and pain,
then we hold fast to your way,
to the victory you have won.
Jesus, teach us how to pray,
'Not my will, but thine be done.'**

****Commissioning & Benediction***

***Sung Blessing - “Go Now In Peace”**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
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 from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.**

Postlude "The Palms" Composed by Th. Baker & Jean-Baptiste Faure