

I am the Good Shepherd



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

April 21st, 2024

10:30 am

Lisa Norman, LLWL

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

Announcements

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

Prelude (A centering time) “God Will Not Fail You” Music by Jonathan Urie Lyrics by Roy Lessin

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call To Worship(responsive)

L:Give God glory for all things.

A:We give God glory for all things in heaven.

L:Give God glory for all things.

A:We give God glory for all things on earth.

L:Give God glory for all things.

A:We give God glory for air, fire, water, and land.

Let us come to worship God.

(Wanda Winfield, Blenheim U.C., Blenheim, Ont.)

***Opening Prayer (In unison)**

**God of resurrection,
You have rolled the stone away
And the tomb of our world has been opened
wide.**

**With the dawn has come a new creation.
Let our celebration today
Empty our tombs,
Renew our lives,
And release our power;
Through the risen Christ we pray.
Amen**

***Hymn: VU #167 “Christ Is Risen from the
Dead”**

**Christ is risen from the dead, glory, hallelujah!
Christ is risen from the dead, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus Christ is risen, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus Christ is risen, glory, hallelujah!**

Words: Anonymous Music: Hasidic folk melody

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

Scripture Reading:

New Testament

John 10: 11-18

**11-13 “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good
Shepherd puts the sheep before himself,
sacrifices himself if necessary. A hired man is
not a real shepherd. The sheep mean nothing to**

him. He sees a wolf come and runs for it, leaving the sheep to be ravaged and scattered by the wolf. He's only in it for the money. The sheep don't matter to him.

14-18 "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own sheep and my own sheep know me. In the same way, the Father knows me and I know the Father. I put the sheep before myself, sacrificing myself if necessary. You need to know that I have other sheep in addition to those in this pen. I need to gather and bring them, too. They'll also recognize my voice. Then it will be one flock, one Shepherd. This is why the Father loves me: because I freely lay down my life. And so I am free to take it up again. No one takes it from me. I lay it down of my own free will. I have the right to lay it down; I also have the right to take it up again. I received this authority personally from my Father."

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: MV 92 "Like a Rock" (to be sung in rounds)**

**Like a rock, like a rock,
God is under our feet.**

**Like the starry night sky
God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon
God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean,
our home is in God evermore.**

Conversation Time

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Words: Ken K. Wehlander Music: Linnea Good

Reflection

Ministry of Music: "Wings of a Dove"

Composer: Ferlin Husky

Our Response

Invitation to The Offering

***The Offertory Response MV 34 v. 1
"All Is Done For The Glory Of God"**

All is done 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!

Words and music: Abel Nkuinji

***Dedication Of The Offering**

God of all creation,

we know that

all that we have,

all that we are,

is blessed and blessing.

In this sharing,

we add our blessing to yours.

May all of these blessings

bring hope and healing to your world.

Amen

Prayers of the People

***Closing Hymn: VU 179**

“Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks”

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Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Give thanks to the risen Christ;

hallelujah, hallelujah!

Give praise to God's name.

- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation. REFRAIN**
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. REFRAIN**
- 3 We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live for ever. REFRAIN**
- 4 Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. REFRAIN**

****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.

**Words can be found on the screens or in front
of Hymn book.**