



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

April 26th, 2026

10:30 am

The Road to Emmaus

Welcome!

“Newcastle United Church's ministry is to live out God's love through strengthening our faith, by encouraging kindness and hospitality, and learning to live out the presence of Christ in our lives.”

Gathering With God And One Another

****Indicates for congregation to stand in body or in spirit.***

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

As we gather for worship in this place, we recognize the lands on which we gather are situated within the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas and Chippewas of the Anishinaabeg, known today as the Williams Treaties First nations.

As people with one creator, all made in the image of God, and who are called to be loving neighbours, let us commit to the responsibility of reconciliation and the work of increasing awareness and understanding of our shared history. Let us recognize and acknowledge the past and work towards a shared future as friends and allies.

Announcements

Lighting The Christ Candle

Moment of Preparation: “Jesus Is all the World To Me” Composed by Will L. Thompson Arranged by Phillip Keveren
Silence is kept.

Call To Worship:

One: People of God, let us consider God's glorious creation on this day as we gather for worship.

All: We come to praise God, to hear hope proclaimed.

One: People of God, let us acknowledge that it can be a struggle to walk in faith and to live the gospel.

All: We come to find encouragement, to be strengthened to walk with Jesus.

One: People of God, let us open our hearts anew to God's love and faithfulness.

All: We come that we may know love and feel the Spirit active in our lives.

***Hymn: VU 395 "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"**

REFRAIN

**Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.**

**We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

**1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. REFRAIN**

**2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. REFRAIN**

**3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the
wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. REFRAIN**

**4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's
small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. REFRAIN**

Opening Prayer:

**All: Holy God, we are your people and you are our
God. From different places we have gathered here
this morning. Some of us have come here with joy in
our hearts, others have come weighed down by
sorrow. Some of us have come here full of peace,
others have come full of questions. No matter where
we are, O God, we humbly ask that you meet us here
this morning. As we worship you this day, make it
plain, make it clear, that you are among us, between
us, in us, and that you bind all of us together. In
Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

A Time for Healing and Renewal

The Lord's Prayer

The Promise of God's Healing Love:

One: Sometimes we can lose our way.

All: But we are never beyond the forgiving care of Christ our companion.

One: The risen Christ remains with us always.

All: Such is the steadfast love of God. Indeed, we are an Easter people! Alleluia!

***Sung Response: VU 958**

sung twice

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah!

Halle, halle, halle – lu - jah!

Halle, halle, halle – lu -jah!

Halle - lu - jah!

Halle - lu - jah!

Conversation Time

***Hymn: VU 595 "We Are Pilgrims"**

vv. 1-6

**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.**

Listening For God's Word

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 116 (VU p. 836)

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

Ministry of Music: "When We Walk With the Lord"

James H. Sammis and D.B. Towner

Message: "On the Road"

***Hymn: VU 184**

vv. 1-5

"As We Walked Home at Close of Day"

- 1 As we walked home at close of day,
a stranger joined us on our way.
He heard us speak of one who'd gone,
and when we stopped, he carried on.**
- 2 'Why wander further without light?
Please stay with us this troubled night.
We've shared the truth of how we feel
and now would like to share a meal.'**
- 3 We sat to eat our simple spread,
then watched the stranger take the bread;
and, as he said the blessing prayer,
we knew that someone else was there.**
- 4 No stranger he; it was our eyes
which failed to see, in stranger's guise,
the Lord who, risen from the dead,
met us when ready to be fed.**

**5 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
As Mary and our sisters said,
the Lord is risen from the dead!**

Responding To God's Word

Invitation to The Offering

***Offertory Hymn: VU 179 chorus, v. 2, chorus
"Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks"**

Hallelujah hallelujah.

**Give thanks to the risen Christ; hallelujah,
hallelujah!**

Give praise to God's name.

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and is risen.**

Hallelujah hallelujah.

**Give thanks to the risen Christ; hallelujah,
hallelujah!**

Give praise to God's name.

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Going Into The World

***Hymn: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” vv. 1-3**

**1 I am weak but Thou are strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk, close to Thee**

CHORUS

**Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus if you please
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be**

**2 Through this world of toils and snares
If I falter Lord who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee, dear Lord, None but Thee CHORUS**

**3 When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore CHORUS**

***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: “Walk With Me”

Announcements

Sunday April 26th, 2026

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

Today’s Greeters are Dorothy Stapleton and
Debbie Dunham.

Today’s Reader is Noah Hosein.

Bible Study

Bible Study continues this week on Wednesday from 10
am to 11 am. All Welcome.



Coffee Time

Please join us in the hall after the service for fellowship. This week's treats are brought to you by Congregational Life.

Parking

Folks are arriving at church and finding the parking lot full. This is a good problem to have! Being a little more conscious of our parking will fit more cars in and will be less frustrating for those who are not able to arrive at church early. Thank you for your consideration!

Crafters

The crafters are looking for small jars. 250 ml (half pint) and 500 ml (pint) size--with or without lids. We are also looking for any small amounts of leftover metal or rust paint. Spray can or otherwise. Our next meeting is Friday, May 1st at 10:30 a.m. Thank you, Marion.

Dates at a Glance.....

April 30 th , at 4 pm	Property Meeting
May 1 st , at 10 am	Crafters
May 6 th at 1 pm	Session
May 6 th at 3:30 pm	Stewards
May 11 th , 4:30 pm	Pulled Pork Dinner

Loving our Neighbour ~ Connecting with People of Other Faiths

The Abraham Festival is a coming together of the three faiths linking their roots to Abraham, that being, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The 2026 Festival is taking place on Saturday, May 9th at 1:30 p.m. at Mark St. United Church in Peterborough (90 Hunter Street East). The theme is: “Bringing Down the Wall Between” and will feature a conversation with Raja G. Khouri and Dr. Jeffrey Wilkinson, the authors of “The Wall Between: What Jews and Palestinians Don’t Want to Know about Each Other” A vegetarian potluck will close out the afternoon. Please bring a main dish or dessert to share. Admission by donation (\$10 suggested). Check out www.abrahamfestival.org for more information.

Pulled Pork Dinner

Please mark your calendar for Monday, May 11th. The Stewards will be hosting a pulled pork dinner complete with brown beans, coleslaw and a sundae for dessert. The cost is \$15, cash at the door. The dinner goes from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., doors open at 4:15 p.m.

“Here from the Beginning”

Black people have played a significant role in the history of The United Church of Canada, but their stories have often gone untold. As we commemorate the 100th

Anniversary of the United Church of Canada, we invite you to join us in bringing these untold stories to life.

“Here from the Beginning” is an exhibition that showcases the contributions and experiences of Black people within the church, amplifying voices that have long been overshadowed by the dominant narrative. This is a celebration of faith, history, community and The United Church of Canada.

April 30th to May 2nd, Frankford United Church,
May 3rd to May 11th, Trinity-St Andrews United Church,
Brighton

May 22nd to May 24th, Pickering Village United Church,
Ajax

Introducing MY FAITH AT HOME: 30 Short and Sweet Videos about Faith

The voices and stories of the people of God are as beautiful and powerful today as they have ever been. My Faith at Home is a collection of 30 short and sweet videos about the everyday faith of people in the United Church. Participants include the Moderator, a former Moderator, and a diverse array of people from within the United Church including those from academia, Indigenous communities, Intercultural ministries, LGBTQAI+ community, French-language ministries, rural and urban ministries, and lay people. Videos run from 30-seconds to 2-minutes long. You are encouraged to enjoy and share them! (No licence required). The

project is an initiative of Rev. Aaron Miechkota who has a love for creative communication and listening to the people of God. May your spirit be touched by these humble and heartfelt moments. Website:

<https://creativetypes.wixsite.com/myfaithathome>

Stewardship Second

April 26, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Stewards live God's dream of a community of people who truly look after one another.



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