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NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

August 10th, 2025

10:30 am

Rev Elaine Hall MDiv
Donna Barber ARCT

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.”

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.

Gathering with God and One Another

Welcome

Announcements

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

Lighting The Christ Candle

Moment of Preparation “We Gather Together”

Arranged by Victor Labenske

Call To Worship:

One: Come and travel the road of faith.

All: We gather as God’s people, to look inward and to reflect upon the spiritual dimension of our lives.

One: We gather to open ourselves to God’s call.

All: We gather as God’s people, to celebrate our God-given gifts, and to ask God for the courage and insight so that we might serve God well in this time and place.

One: We gather in worship.

All: We gather as God’s people, to sing praises, to pray deeply and to celebrate being together in Jesus’ name.

***Hymn VU 218**

vv. 1-3

“We Praise You, O God”

**1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.**

**3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

Opening Prayer:

**All: Here we are, O God, ready to serve and willing to
love in your name. In this time of worship, we
humbly ask that you keep us open to the movement
of your Spirit. Whisper to us of your love. Renew
our faith in you. And renew our faith in ourselves as
your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Conversation Time: 45th General Council

***Hymn VU 376**

v. 1, 2

“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.**

Announcements

Sunday Aug 10th, 2025

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

Today's Greeters are Doris Liscombe and Betty Thomas.

Coffee Time



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

News at NUC!!!

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Elaine Hall as our new minister. Elaine brings over 30 years of experience in congregational ministry and a deep commitment to shared, community-centered faith. A lifelong member of the United Church, Elaine has served with her husband Don in Cape Breton, Lanark, Balderson, and most recently, Port Perry. *Please introduce yourself to Rev Elaine over the next few weeks.*

Church Office Hours

Rev Elaine

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 am to noon.

Fridays she will be working from home. You can reach her via phone at the church, 905-987-4515, her home number or email on the back of the Announcements.

Lynne

Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10:30 am to 4 pm. You can reach her at the church number or email, on the back of the Announcements.

Would you like a visit?

Elaine is setting up pastoral visits throughout the month of August. If you would like to have a visit, don't hesitate to call the church at 905-987-4515 or email Elaine directly at minister@newcastleunitedchurch.org.

45th General Council

The 45th General Council of the United Church of Canada started this past Thursday in Calgary, Alberta and continues through to tomorrow, August 11th. This meeting happens every three years in the life of the church. Electing a new moderator, considering many proposals from across the country and assessing the finances of the National Church are just a few of the items on the agenda. The new Moderator will be selected by August 9, and installed on August 11. The meeting is being live-streamed on the United Church's YouTube channel <https://youtube.com/@unitedchurchcda>, if you are curious!

Meditation

Experience a relaxing 10-minute Christian meditation designed to help you find strength and ground your spirit in God's powerful presence.

<https://www.christcenteredtribe.com/>

Job Opportunity

Cambridge Street United Church in Lindsay, ON, is seeking a compassionate and friendly individual to take on the role of Pastoral Care & Youth Ministry. This position offers a unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact across all generations of our congregation, blending pastoral care with youth engagement. 32 hours per week

<https://ecorcucan.ca/job-opportunity-pastoral-care-youth-ministry/>

ECORC Needs Your Help!

Almost weekly it seems, ECORC get requests from congregations who are looking for pulpit supply persons. They are sent the names of the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, Retired Ministers, and the names of other ministers who might be available, but we feel a master list would be more helpful. If you are interested in doing pulpit supply, [please fill out the form on our website](#). Please note that to do pulpit supply we would ask that your police record checks be up to date as well as your boundaries training.

Stewardship Second.....

*August 10: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
The Gospel according to Luke reminds us, “Sell your possessions, and give your money to the poor. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*



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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**2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

Listening For God's Word

Hebrew Scripture Reading:

Genesis 12:1-5a; Genesis 17: 1-5; 15-16

Epistle Reading: Acts 2:14-17

Response

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

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

Message: "Visions and Blessings"

***Hymn: VU 634**

vv. 1-3

"To Abraham and Sarah"

1 To Abraham and Sarah

**the call of God was clear,
'Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.**

**You need not fear the journey
for I have pledged my word,
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'**

- 2 From Abraham and Sarah
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written
by God this saving word:
'that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'**
- 3 We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word:
'that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'**

Responding To God's Word

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.**

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Going Into The World

***Hymn: VU 635**

vv. 1-3

“All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”

**All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.**

**All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see!**

**All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,**

**this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'**

***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"

Arranged by Donna Barber