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NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

August 24th, 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

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

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Lighting The Christ Candle

Moment of Preparation: "O How He Loves You and Me" Music: Kurt Kaiser Arranged by Phillip Keveren

Call To Worship:

One: God is the source of our being.

All: In worship we seek to be connected to our source.

One: God's power holds us and directs us.

All: In worship we experience God acting in our lives.

One: God's call challenges us and compels us.

All: In worship we answer God's call in our lives.

One: Let us worship our God!

***Opening Hymn: VU 333** **vv. 1-3**

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Opening Prayer:

All: Gracious God, in prayer and praise we come hoping to hear your call to us today. May we hear you calling us back to our true selves. May we hear you calling us to be whole people, worthy of the name Christian. May we hear you calling us out into the world to live lives of integrity and love. As called people may we be healed and set free to be your followers now and always. This we ask through Christ who is at all times, our health and salvation. Amen.

Conversation Time

***Hymn: MV 89**

vv. 1-4

“Love Is the Touch” (tune of “Be Thou my Vision)

**1 Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

**2 Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

**3 Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

**4 Love is the Maker, and Spirit, and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the pathway the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

Music: John L. Bell Words: Alison M. Robertson

Listening For God’s Word

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

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: "Claim Your Name"

***Hymn: MV 161**

vv 1-4

"I Have Called You by Your Name"

**1 I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.**

**I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.**

**2 I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.**

**Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.**

**3 I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.**

**Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.**

**4 I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.**

**With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

Words and music: Daniel Charles Damon

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 352

vv. 1-5

“I Danced in the Morning”

1 I danced in the morning when the world was
begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the
sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

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Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not
follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on.

**3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me
high,
and left me there on a cross to die. REFRAIN**

**4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. REFRAIN**

**5 They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. REFRAIN**

***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: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Music: John Hughes Arranged by Phillip Keveren"

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Woman" acrylic on canvas, 2014.**

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Announcements

Sunday Aug 24th, 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.



Coffee Time

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

Church Office Hours

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.

Food Bank Next Week.....

Next week we will collect for the food bank. Please leave donations on the pew along the north wall. Please, no expired foods. Monetary donations also gratefully accepted. Thank you.

From the Stewards...

The Stewards are looking for your help! Would you like to be involved with the NUC fundraising plan for this year? Let a member of this ministry know and we'll invite you to our upcoming meeting, (date and time to be determined). Members Heather Griffin, Susan Pascoe, Megan Snoxall, Marlene Stacey.

From Property

Just like the Stewards, the Property Ministry would gratefully welcome a few more helping hands. We have had one person resign and Nate is off to school for the fall in Windsor. Please reach out to Lynne or Stuart if you are interested. We will set up a meeting some time soon. ***We wish the best of luck to Nate this fall in school.*

Stewardship Second.....

*August 24: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Feeling anxious, worried or fearful? Giving
and gratitude are the antidote for an
anxious brain and a news cycle which tells
us there is never enough.*

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