



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH
August 3rd, 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.”*

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.

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

"God Will Take Care of You"

Music by Stillman Martin Arranged by Philip Keveren

****Call To Worship:***

One: Our waking and rising this new day shows our confidence.

All: We are confident that God is with us always, guiding us and upholding us.

One: Our journeying into this new day shows our eagerness.

All: We are eager to discover what God has in store for us in the days that lie ahead.

One: As people of faith, our individual ongoing faith journeys overlap.

All: As people of faith, we pray for one another and we look forward to learning and growing together.

One: May we feel God's spirit working among us, today and always.

***Opening Hymn: VU 223**

vv. 1-3

“Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing”

**1 Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise:
your mercies are endless, and righteous your
ways;**

**your servants proclaim the renown of your name
who rules over all and is ever the same.**

**2 Again we rejoice in the world you have made,
your mighty creation in beauty arrayed,
we thank you for life, and we praise you for joy,
for love and for hope that no power can destroy.**

**3 We praise you for Jesus, our Master and Lord,
the might of his Spirit, the truth of his word,
his comfort in sorrow, his patience in pain,
the faith sure and steadfast that Jesus shall reign.**

Opening Prayer:

**All: God of new beginnings: we have paused at the
beginning of this new week, to make sure that you
are at the very centre of all that we do. May you be
the source of our inspiration. May your claim on
our lives challenge us, comfort us, and renew us.
As individuals seeking to follow you, may we come
together as your family, ready to witness to your
presence in our lives, in our community, and in the
world. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Conversation Time: “Getting to Know You!”

Announcements

Sunday Aug 3rd, 2025

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

Today's Greeters are Roy and Rosanne Watts.



Coffee Time

Please join us in the hall after the service for fellowship. This week's treats brought to you by Mission and Service. There will be treats to welcome Rev Elaine.

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.

Afternoons will be visiting hours. **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.

45th General Council Meetings

A reminder that the in-person/online hybrid 45th General Council is happening in Calgary, August 7-11. You can find past livestream recordings as well as a calendar of events and more by visiting the 45th General Council [website](https://generalcouncil.ca/).

<https://generalcouncil.ca/calendar>

YouTube Channel for livestreaming meetings

<https://youtube.com/@unitedchurchcda>

Youth Climate Motivators

Ten climate motivators, two coordinators, two supervisors and GCO staff met at Five Oaks, Paris, ON, last week, to get to know one another and to plan their climate projects for the year. Three climate motivators and one coordinator will put their passion for climate advocacy into action as they travel by train from their hometowns in Ontario to the 45th General Council held in Calgary, AB, from Aug. 7–11. The United Church of Canada's youth climate motivator program provides youth the opportunity to learn more about, and encourage more participation in, specific climate efforts. The youth will spend the summer working with local congregations on climate justice or environmental necessities.

<https://united-church.ca/news/2025-climate-motivators-meet-ahead-epic-cross-country-train-journey#downloads>

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://ecorcuccan.ca/job-opportunity-pastoral-care-youth-ministry/>

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/>

Apology

On Friday, August 8, The United Church of Canada will offer a somber and historic apology to Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities. This service acknowledges the deep and lasting harm caused by the church, both in the past and still today. It's a difficult but necessary step towards healing and reaffirming our commitment to radical inclusion. We invite you to join us in person at Knox United Church in Calgary (9:00 a.m. MT) or online for the Zoom event. Find out more and make plans to join us in-person or on-line.

<https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5bmmHb7SXqiSDA83RONw#/registration>

Stewardship Second.....

August 3: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

How we spend our money reflects our priorities. It is not only voting with our wallets; where we place our treasure reflects our spiritual priorities too.



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.

Contacting Rev Elaine directly

(church)905-987-4515 (home)905-985-1633

minister@newcastleunitedchurch.org

Contact Lynne in the Office

905-987-4515

office@newcastleunitedchurch.org

Book the Hall

property@newcastleunitedchurch.org

***Hymn: VU 507**

vv. 1, 4

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

- 1** Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make ploughshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.
- 4** May we in service to our God
act out the living Word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

Listening for God's Word

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:22-28

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-11

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: “Rooted in Christ”

***Hymn: VU 642**

vv. 1-5

“Be Thou My Vision”

- 1** Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2** Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3** Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
- 4** Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5** Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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: MV 142 vv. 1-3**

“Oh a Song Must Rise”

REFRAIN

**Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.**

**From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea,
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
The voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend
REFRAIN**

**From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again.
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to
descend. REFRAIN**

**From every house of worship,
in every faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to
descend. REFRAIN**

Words and music: Paul B. Svenson, 1995

***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.