



# NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

10:30 am

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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.”*

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*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: “People Need the Lord”**

Arranged by Lee Evans

**Call To Worship:**

One: In a world that is complicated and sometimes scary, ...

**All: ... we come here to find sanctuary.**

One: In a world that is rushing to stay ahead, ...

**All: ... we come here to encounter what is holy.**

One: In a world that prizes the exercise of power, ...

**All: ... we come here to be enfolded by God’s loving embrace.**

One: And, yet, we are not here to hide. We are not here to live in the past.

**All: We are here to embrace God’s present and bravely follow Jesus.**

**\*Opening Hymn: VU 395**

**v, 1-2, 4**

**“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**

**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: Dear God, be present in our midst today. Help us to hear and receive and live your Word, a Word shown to us in the teachings and in the very person of Jesus. Whether that Word be straightforward or challenging, help us to meet you and be transformed by your message to us today. And in that transformation, may our lives come to reflect more clearly something of your wisdom, your caring, your joy. For we long to live in your kingdom. Amen.**

## Conversation Time

\*Hymn: VU 602

vv. 1-4

**“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

- 1**   Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.
  
- 2**   Before our Maker's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.
  
- 3**   We share each other's woes,  
each other's burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.
  
- 4**   This glorious hope revives  
our courage on the way;  
that we shall live in perfect love  
in God's eternal day.

### *Listening For God's Word*

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 13:1-6

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 14:1, 7-14

#### **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: "Treasured Guests"**

**\*Hymn: MV 145**

**vv. 1-3**

**"Draw the Circle Wide"**

**REFRAIN**

**Draw the circle wide,  
Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song,  
no one stands alone,  
standing side by side  
draw the circle wide.**

**God the still-point of the circle,  
'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever,  
in God's gracious arms.**

**REFRAIN**

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God's call.**

**REFRAIN**

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door**

**REFRAIN**

***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 512**

**vv. 1, 2, 4, 5**

**"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"**

**1 Lord, you give the great commission:**

**'Heal the sick and preach the word.'**

**Lest the church neglect its mission,**

**and the gospel go unheard,**

**help us witness to your purpose**

**with renewed integrity;**

**with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us**

**for the work of ministry.**

**2 Lord, you call us to your service:**

**'In my name baptize and teach.'**

**That the world may trust your promise,**

**life abundant meant for each,**

**give us all new fervour, draw us**

**closer in community;**

**with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us**

**for the work of ministry.**

**4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
'Father, what they do, forgive.'  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.**

**5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
'I am with you to the end.'  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.**

### **\*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: Medley "God Will Take Care of You" and  
"Whispering Hope"**

# *Announcements*

Sunday Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

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

Today's Greeters are Debbie Dunham and Vicki Muscat.

## **Coffee Time**

Because of the long weekend, we will not be having coffee time today.

## **Food Bank**

This week is Foodbank week. Please place items on the pew on the north wall. Please ensure items are not expired. Monetary donations also gratefully accepted and can be placed in the envelope on the back of the pew and placed into the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Faith in Motion**

Faith in Motion will be starting up soon! Stay tuned for specific dates.

## **From the Stewards...**

The Stewards are looking for your help! Would you like to be involved with the NUC fundraising plan for this year? Reach out to Heather at 905-440-0038 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.

## **General Council 45, Wrap Up**

During General Council 45 earlier this month, *Broadview* brought you daily coverage of the proposals and discussions happening in Calgary. You can read all of the stories here....

<https://broadview.org/tag/general-council-45/>

## *Stewardship Second.....*

*August 31: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
Hospitality is how we show guests that we mean it when we say, You are welcome and a beloved part of the body of Christ.*

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