

NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

August 4th, 2024 10:30 am Rev Bryan Ransom, B.A., MDív. Donna Barber, ARCT Summer Tíme When The Lívíng IS Easy!

Welcome

(Remembering Hiroshima/ Nagasaki)

"As followers of Christ, we are called to be a worshipping and learning, receiving and giving community of faith, hope and love." 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.

Approaching God With Praise

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

*Please stand as you are able.

Prelude (A centering time) "Bless this House"

"Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive." (Howard Thurman)

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a sign that God's Spirit is at work in the world, May Christ's Light brighten our spirits that we may be Christ's light for others.

Call To Worship

L: God, we come to worship you A: **in Spirit and Truth!**

L: We come sharing our lives with you.

A: Receive our praise and worship, our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears.

L: We give all of ourselves to you in worship

A: so that you will fill us up with your Spirit

L: During this time prepare our heats, our minds, our spirits to go into your world again to continue the work of your kingdom!

A: **Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!** (https://getlitworship.wordpress.com/2017/04/25/call-to-worship-forpassionate-worship/ modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

*Hymn VU 509 vv. 1-3 "I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky"

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Most gracious Creator and Saviour of all of humanity, we greet you in all humility. You are the energy that brings all things into being. You are and the Divine Light that gives creation guidance, the Alpha and the Omega of all that is and will be.

Your love shine through all of creation... allow us to recognize you in all the many holy names and forms like Rama, Krishna, Shiva, Mohammed, Buddha and other. We have come to know you through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob Solomon, Moses, Ruth, Easter, the disciples, Jesus and many others throughout our living.

Let the Star of the Divine Light, shine in our heart be reflected to those whom we greet in your Holy Name. May the message of God's love and unity reach far and wide, illuminating and making the whole of humanity one single community as you visioned it, Sustainer of all that is we pray in Your Holy Name.

(by Reverend Roberta Yackel modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

Listening For The Spirit Of God Through The Word

Scripture Reading: New Testament: Ephesians 4:1-16

Response

L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us, A: We give praise for the presence of God through the Word.

*Hymn VU 598 "When The Pain Of The World" vv. 1-4

Reflection: "The Struggle"

Our Response

Invitation to The Offering

The Offertory Hymn MV 34 v. 1 "All Is Done For The Glory Of God" All is done for the glory of God. Amen! Amen! All depends upon our glorious God. Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen! All is done for the glory of God. Amen! Amen! Words and music: Abel Nkuinji

Dedication Of The Offering

Prayers of the People

*Closing Hymn: VU 641 vv. 1-4 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

*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.

Words can be found on the screens or in front of Hymn book.



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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.

Bible Study is on hiatus until Sept 18th.

Lynne will be back in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, if you need to reach out. Contacting Rev. Bryan Ransom directly 905-922-8394 <u>minister@newcastleunitedchurch.org</u>

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