



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

February 11th, 2024

10:30 am

Black History Month

*“My humanity is bound up in yours, for
we can only be human together.”*

—Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu

Welcome!

*“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

*** Indicates for congregation to stand as you are able.**

Prelude (A centering time) “Take my Life and Let it Be”

composed by Henri A.C. Malan (arr. Victor Labenske)

Lighting the Christ Candle

Epiphany is the season of light when the days become longer and the sun becomes brighter, pushing the darkness back. During Epiphany we are reminded that Jesus said, I am the Light of the World'. He is a light for us, pushing the darkness back to show us the way. May Christ's light shine brightly within us, through us, and around us.

Amen <https://www.stpaulsscarborough.org/post/first-sunday-of-epiphany> modified by Rev. B Ransom

****Call To Worship***

L: Star of Hope.

A: **Star of Mercy and Compassion.**

L: Star of Justice and Peace.

A: **Star of Tenderness and Love.**

L: Star of Suffering.

A: Star of Joy.

L: Creator of epiphanies,

A: let your Holy presence transform our worship so that it proclaims your continual call for us to follow you.

(From Marina Wiederkehr, Seasons Of Your Heart P53, modified by Rev. B Ransom)

***Opening Prayer (In unison)**

God of Love, You are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into worship, we do so with excitement and even some anxiety.

During this time, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love for all of creation. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed each one of us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we worship together, rejoicing in your Holy Name.

(by Joseph P. Shadle modified by Rev. B Ransom)

***Hymn: “O Breath Of Life” vv. 1-3 VU 202**

***Listening For The Spirit Of God
Through The Word***

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament (Hebrew Text) 2 Kings 2:1-14

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 “Dance with the Spirit” vv. 1&2**

MV 156

**1 Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
move with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

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move with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

Conversation Time

Hymn “Dance with the Spirit” MV 156

**3 Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
sing with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

Reflection: “Picking up the Mantle”

Ministry of Music: “I Saw the Light”

composed by Hank Williams

Our Response

Invitation to The Offering

***The Offertory Response “In The Bleak
Midwinter” v. 4 VU 55**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

Dedication Of The Offering

Prayers of the People

***Closing Hymn: “O For A Thousand Tongues To
Sing” vv. 1-5 VU 326**

****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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Our greeters this morning are Robin Blesse and Diane Winchester

Biblos and Announcements Reader is Hope Pascoe

Bible study is on Wednesday mornings at 10 am.

Office Hours

Lynne's office hours this week, will be TUESDAY ONLY. I will be reachable by phone and email, but will not be in the office. Regular office hours, Tuesdays and Thursdays, will return the following week.

Pot Luck Lunch

Please join us in the church hall for a Pot Luck Lunch after the service. Meeting will commence after luncheon.

Nut Allergies



Please be aware that we do have people in the congregation with nut allergies. Please make sure that nuts are not brought into the church in any form-nuts, peanuts, peanut butter, or as an ingredient in any cooking/baking items.

Annual General Meeting

We hope you will join us for the meeting after the service and lunch today.

Lenten Prayer Study Group

During the season of Lent we will be doing a 5 week study on prayer. It will include discussions on "what is prayer?" and "how do we pray?" as well as opportunities to learn about and practice different types of prayer. If you are interested in joining, please indicate when you would be available for the weekly study on the sign-up sheet in the hall. It will be hosted either Wednesdays at 7 pm or Sundays at 2pm beginning the week of February 18th.



We appreciate all donations and can accept PAR, envelope givings, and e-transfer at nucemailtransfer@gmail.com or through CanadaHelps. **You can scan our QR code to the left to donate.**

If you have any questions please contact our interim treasurer, Susan at 289-927-6297 or treasurer@newcastleunitedchurch.org

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