

*Be Devoted
to
One Another
In Love*



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

February 25th, 2024

10:30 am

Second Sunday Of Lent

Black History Month

**"Laundry is the only thing that should be separated by
colour."**

~Author Unknown~

**I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you
ought to be. You can never be what you ought to be until I
am what I ought to be.**

- "[The American Dream](#)," 1961 - Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

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) “Hymn to Freedom”

Music by Oscar Peterson; Words by Harriette Hamilton

Lighting the Christ Candle

We Light the Christ Candle as a symbol of our trust in Jesus as we journey towards the cross this Lenten season. Let the Light of Christ give us the courage to find the ways toward reconciliation and forgiveness so that the healing light of wholeness can restore harmony and unity in all matters of living.

Call To Worship

L: My Lord, what a morning!

You have raised up a mighty nation and a mighty people

A: And we are strong, proud, and yours.

L: My Lord, what a morning!

You have brought us through the dips and hollows, up and down the streets, over the hills and mountains and through the valleys.

A: And we are strong, proud, brave and yours.

L: My Lord, this morning,

A: we have come to celebrate you, to affirm ourselves as images of you in all your glory and to say "Yes, Lord, we are strong, proud, brave, and yours in every way." We come rejoicing in your Holy Name!

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/liturgy-resources-for-black-history-month-worship> modified by Rev B. Ransom)

Extinguishing the Second Candle of Lent: Responsibility

L: Jesus has called us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but all too often we let the social boundaries and borders of the world divide us. We build up walls rather than bridges; we keep people out who need to be invited in. We have a responsibility to care for one another as Christ cares for us, and yet we often fail to live out the vision God has for humanity.

We extinguish this candle as a symbol of our lack of hope, trust and belief in Jesus' teaching - to "love one another as he loves us" - that breaks down the walls that divide us and builds bridges of unity and harmony.

Let us Pray:

Creator God, remind us again of our responsibility to care for one another, and to watch out for each other. As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season, help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

[\(http://www.rev-o-lution.org/2012/02/03/lent-easter-worship-resources/](http://www.rev-o-lution.org/2012/02/03/lent-easter-worship-resources/) modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

***Hymn: “My Lord What A Morning” VU 708**

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

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament (Hebrew Text) Micah 6:6-8

**New Testament Romans
12:9-18**

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 “Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace”**

vv. 1, 2 VU 864

Conversation Time

***Hymn “Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace”**
v. 3 **VU 864**

Reflection: “There Once Was A Dream”

Ministry of Music: "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Often referred to as "The Black National Anthem," *Lift Every Voice and Sing* was a hymn written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson in 1900. His brother, John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954), composed the music for the lyrics. The song was later adopted by NAACP and prominently used as a rallying cry during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

<https://naacp.org/find-resources/history-explained/lift-every-voice-and-sing>

Minute for Mission

Our Response

Invitation to The Offering

***The Offertory Hymn “We Give You But Your Own”**
VU 542

**We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.**

Dedication Of The Offering

Prayers of the People

***Closing Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can
Use Me" VU 575**

****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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