



*They will soar on wings
like eagles.....*

NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

February 4 2024

10:30 am

Black History Month

"It is not our differences that divide us.
It is in our inability to recognize, accept,
and celebrate those differences".

~Audre Lorde ~American Poet

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)

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 (Based of Isaiah 40)

L: Do you hear?

A: God's presence is everlasting.

L: Hear the Good News!

A: God lifts up the weak and gives hope to those who are oppressed.

L: To all who are faint hearted,

A: God will renew our strength.

L: Come, lift up your weary hearts and voices together

**A: On eagles wings we will soar high
proclaiming God's steadfast love! Amen! Amen!**

Opening Prayer (In unison)

Holy One, we come to praise your name and to sing of your glory and grace. Hear us, and receive our worship that glorifies your Holy Presence. Gather us in your Presence that we may worship you as one body. Heal our brokenness and bind up our wounds, that we may become whole in mind, body and spirit. We come seeking your wisdom to discern your direction for us today and every day. Let the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to your Holy Spirit. Amen

***Hymn: "Morning Has Broken"**

VU 409

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

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Isaiah 40:1-5 & 21-31

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 “When Long Before Time” vv.1-3**

VU 248

Conversation Time

***Hymn “When Long Before Time” v. 4**

VU 248

Reflection: “The Big Picture”

Ministry of Music: “On Eagle's Wings”

Words & Music: Michael Joncas

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: “Your Hand O God Has Guided”
VU 274**

***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.**

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

Our greeters this morning are Jean Arnold and
Dorothy Stapleton

Biblos Reader is Brian Reid

Bible study is on Wednesday mornings at 10 am.

Announcements

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 7pm or Sundays at 2pm beginning the week of February 18th.

Offering Envelopes

The offering boxes and envelopes are in the Narthex. Please pick up yours. There are extra envelopes for anyone who wishes to make an extra donation or a "special gifts" donation (such as bows, etc). Please make sure your name is on the envelope so you can receive credit for your donation. If you have old envelopes, please bring them in to re-use them. Marlene

Crock Pot Dinner

This Monday, Feb 5th, will be our next Crock Pot Dinner. Please sign up on the board in the Hall. Starts at 4:30 pm.

UCW Meeting

The next UCW meeting will be February 12th at 1:30 in the church hall. All ladies welcome.

Next Board Meeting

We will be having our Board Meeting this week, on February 6th. Please RSVP and send any necessary reports.

Annual General Meeting

Reminder that our AGM will be February 11th. We will have Pot Luck Lunch and meeting will commence after. We hope you will attend.

Office Hours

Quick note for all to know, Lynne will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30-2:30. She can be reached at 905-987-4515 or office@newcastleunitedchurch.org

SAVE THE DATE!!!

In recognition of our upcoming 200th Anniversary, we will be publishing an updated Church Directory. We currently have the photographer booked for March 7th, 8th and 9th. Watch for sign up sheets in after the service.

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