



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

January 21 2024

10:30 am

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

L: Jesus calls to us.

A: Are we willing to listen to him?

L: Jesus calls us to leave behind our burdens, our routines, and the possessions that seem to bring meaning to our lives.

A: Are we willing to set these matters aside to listen to Jesus?

L: Jesus is calling us.

A: Let us follow Jesus and celebrate in His Holy Name.

Opening Prayer

It is a new day. It is not yesterday or just another ordinary day. It is a fresh day brimming with newness and hope. We greet today with a deep sense of appreciation. Today we are called to live in the promises of the New Way.

On this day Jesus invites us to follow him to discover our hidden potential, a different way of living, and a deeper understanding of God's love for us and for others. Jesus says, "Come, follow me, the One who reveals God's vision for us this day and every day." Amen

***Hymn: "Worship The Lord"**

VU 401

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

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Mark 1:14-20

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 “Jesus, You Come To The
Lakeshore” vv. 1-3**

VU 563

Conversation Time

***Hymn “Jesus, You Come To The
Lakeshore” v. 4**

VU 563

Reflection: Follow Me!

Ministry of Music:

**"Medley: Jesus and His Friends; Today We All
Are Called to Be Disciples"**

Minute for Mission

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: “Lord, Speak To Me” VU 589**

****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.

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