



JESUS, TAKE AUTHORITY IN ME
MARK 1:21-28

NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

January 28 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: Worship this day bringing with you all your joys and sorrows.

A: **Jesus will offer hope.**

L: Worship this day believing in the power of God through Jesus Christ.

A: Jesus will bring us healing.

L: Worship this day feeling the presence of God.

A: Jesus will teach us new ways to live. AMEN.

(by Nancy Townley modified by Rev. Ransom)

Opening Prayer (In unison)

Creator, we come prepared to listen to your Spirit. Let Your Living Word remind us of the power and authority that you have over creation. Your presence is not to destroy but to cast out that which destroys life, meaning and purpose. Fill our very being with your songs and stories of hope. As we worship in your Holy Presence remind us that you are constantly with us through Your Word, signs and wonders and through the love of Jesus Christ. Amen

***Hymn: "It's A Song Of Praise To The Maker"**

vv. 1-4

MV 30

**It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.**

**It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea.**

Refrain

**And by the Spirit, you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

**It's a call of life to the Giver,
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver,
when high tides break on the shore..... Refrain**

**It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song..... Refrain**

**It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things,
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings..... Refrain**

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

**Scripture Readings:
New Testament Mark 1:21-28**

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: “Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus” vv. 1-4
VU 357**

Conversation Time

**Hymn: “Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus” v. 5
VU 357**

Reflection

Ministry of Music: “Wherever You May Go”
(words and music by David Kai)

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: “God Take My Hand” vv.1-3
VU 638**

****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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