



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

May 12, 2024

10:30 am

*Happy Mother's Day
Seventh Sunday Of Easter
Christian Family Sunday*

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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) "In the Garden"

Lighting the Christ Candle

L: Spirit of Life, Cradle of beginnings, Your Light of Life shines through it all. Let the light from this Christ Candle shine through all of the wonders and mysteries of creation, revealing your living presence.

***Call To Worship**

L: Creator, parent of the human family,

A: we gather to worship you.

L: Creator, you have called all of humanity your beloved children, as such,

A: we gather to worship you.

L: Friends, neighbours, strangers and siblings in faith,

A: we gather to worship in song, in prayer, in readings from your story/our story, in thoughts and reflections.

Let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

God, creator of us all, we gather to worship you. We come as individuals, we come in family units, we come as neighbours and friends and strangers. We come here where we are known by name, welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths. We gather with kindred spirits who long to live faithful to your calling. Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us, and nurture us in this time of worship so that we might be enabled to return to our daily lives ready to engage fully to love our sisters and brothers as you love us, Holy One. Amen.

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***Opening Hymn MV 178 “Who Is My Mother”**

vv. 1-4

1 Who is my mother, who is my brother?

**All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.**

**2 Differently abled, differently labelled,
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,
all come together round Jesus Christ.**

**3 Love will relate us, colour or status
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.**

Announcements

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

Today's Greeters are Jean Evans and Elaine Spicer.

Biblos and Announcements Reader is Marie Narini.

Bible Study will be on Wednesday.



Coffee Time

Please join us after today's service for Coffee/Tea in the Hall.
Today's treats are being supplied by Mission and Service.

Audacious Hope

In July, the UCC and Presbyterian Church of Canada are hosting a Youth Conference in St Catherines. Follow the link for more information. Or see poster on bulletin board by office.

<https://united-church.ca/events/rendez-vous-2024-audacious-hope>

Thank You!!



A big thank you to everyone who came out to eat or help with the Mother's Day Brunch, yesterday. It was a fun day.

Concert Notice

St Paul's United Church in Bowmanville, will be hosting Adria Jackson, a Celtic singer and Harper, on Saturday June 15th at 7 pm. Tickets available at 905-623-7391.

We are now live streaming services...

Go to....

<http://bit.ly/47uMdHt>

Or go to YouTube and Search:
Newcastle United Church

Service will begin streaming at 10:30



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**4 Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.
Amen!**

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

Scripture Readings:

New Testament

Mark 3:20-21 & 31-35

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 VU 574**

vv. 1-3

“Come, Let Us Sing Of A Wonderful Love”

Conversation Time

***Hymn VU 574**

v. 4

“Come, Let Us Sing Of A Wonderful Love”

A Mother’s Day Litany

L: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

A: We praise God for the women who gave us life.

L: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

A: We give God thanks and praise.



L: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

A: We pray for peace.

L: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

A: We pray for healing.

L: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

A: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

L: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

A: We weep with those with broken hearts.

L: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

A: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

L: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

A: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

L: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

A: We pray for wisdom and patience.

L: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

A: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

L: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

A: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

L: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

A: We give God thanks and praise.

L: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and in their many forms,

A: We give God thanks and praise.

Permission to use this litany for public worship is granted. Visit: <http://fatpastor.me>.



Reflection “It’s About Family”

Ministry of Music: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Lyrics: Joseph Scriven Music: Charles Converse

Our Response

Invitation to The Offering

***The Offertory Response MV 34** v. 1

“All Is Done For The Glory Of God”

All is done for the glory of God.

Amen! Amen!

All depends upon our glorious God.

Amen! Amen!

Amen! Amen! Amen!

All is done for the glory of God.

Amen! Amen!

Words and music: Abel Nkuinji

Dedication Of The Offering

Prayers of the People

***Closing Hymn: VU 556** vv. 1-4

“Would You Bless Our Homes And Families”

****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.