



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

May 5, 2024

10:30 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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) "O Perfect Love"

(arranged by P. Keveren)

Words: Dorothy Gurney Music: Joseph Barnby

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: Builder of creation we come with joy to this day in Your Holy love!

A: Open our spirit, our hearts, to your Living Spirit that creates community and friendships.

L: Holy One we come in hope to not just be a witness to holy power but to be transformed by it to be your welcoming community of love and compassion.

A: Challenge our human understanding of what it truly means to be community and encourage our spirits to serve You with all of who we are.

L: We come as a community to proclaim Your Holy presence to all.

A: We give you thanks God, for these moments of restoration and strengthening of our faith to be witnesses and servants of Your love. AMEN.

***Opening Prayer**

Compassionate One, Holy One, we want to be in control of all things, forgetting that even Jesus was subject to Your will. Most of the time, we want to be rooted in one spot, staring at the sky, rather than doing the work of loving our neighbours and creating a permeable community where all are welcomed. We are often too ready to call down curses upon our enemies, excluding them from our presence, while forgetting that you send rain upon all. Help us learn how to discipline ourselves to be humble before you and all that you have created. Teach us to be your people, and people of faith and love.

(by Wanda Winfield modified by Rev. B Ransom)

Announcements

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

Today's Greeters are Beth West and
Doris Liscombe

Biblos Reader is Heather Snoxall

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 Session.

Mark the Date!

From the Stewards: We are planning a yard, bake and plant sale at NUC on **Sat. June 8th**. All contributions are welcome, so please start cleaning out, transplanting in your garden, and baking. More details to follow!

Key Chains

We have new key chains to celebrate our upcoming 200th Anniversary. \$5 each. See Lynne in the office.

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

May 11th, Stewards are hosting a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. 9 am to 11 am. Cost is \$10 per person, under 2 is free. See the office or a Steward to reserve spots.

Service for Anne Harrison

Service for Anne will be on June 22nd. Information can be found at.....

<https://www.newcastlefuneralhome.com/obituaries/Anne-Patricia-Harrison?obId=31194696>

Flowers for the Sanctuary

If anyone is interested in donating flowers or a plant for the sanctuary-in memory or in celebration, i.e. birthday or anniversary-reach out to the Lynne in the office to coordinate.

Communion and Baptism

Communion will be on May 19th, on Pentecost Sunday. As well, we will have a baptism that day.

Broadview(Observer) Renewal

If you are interested in renewing your subscription to Broadview, see Lynne in the office before May 31st. Group Subscription is \$30. We need 5 subscriptions.

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>

Cookbook

Do you have a favourite recipe? The Committee organizing the 200th Anniversary is looking for your favourite recipes to be included in a book. Look for sheets in the narthex or in the office.

We are now live streaming services...

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

Or go to YouTube and Search:
Newcastle United Church

Service will begin streaming at 10:30



We appreciate all donations and can accept PAR, envelope givings, and e-transfer at

nucemailtransfer@gmail.com or through CanadaHelps. **You can scan our QR code to the left to donate.** If

you have any questions please contact our interim treasurer, Susan at 289-927-6297 or treasurer@newcastleunitedchurch.org

Thank you for your donations which make our continued ministry possible.

***Opening Hymn: VU 395**

vv. 1-4

“Come In, Come In and Sit Down”

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

Scripture Readings:

New Testament

Acts 10:44-48

John 15:9-17

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: MV 62 “There Is Room For All” x2**

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;

there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.

And I rejoice and sing,

"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."

There is room for all, there is room for all!

Conversation Time

Hymn: MV 62 “There Is Room For All” x1
There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing,
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all!

Reflection

Ministry of Music: “The Joyful Spirit in My Song”

Words and Music: Nancy Price & Don Besig

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 601
vv. 1-3 & 5**

****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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