



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

October 5th, 2025

10:30 am

World Communion Sunday

Welcome!

“Newcastle United Church's ministry is to live out God's love through strengthening our faith, by encouraging kindness and hospitality, and learning to live out the presence of Christ in our lives.”

Gathering With God And One Another

**Indicates for congregation to stand in body or in spirit.*

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

As we gather in worship this morning, we acknowledge that we do so on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee nations, which are today under the care of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations people.

We offer our respect and gratitude to those who have cared for and continue to care the land, and we commit ourselves to building a future based upon true reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Announcements

Lighting The Christ Candle

Moment of Preparation: “He Leadeth Me”

Composed by B. Bradbury. Arranged by Jerry Ray

Call To Worship:

One: We gather as a part of this church family, to pray, and to praise.

All: In bread and cup unite us, O God.

One: We gather in solidarity with Christians of every continent, Christians of many denominations.

All: In bread and cup unite us, O God.

One: We gather as disciples of Jesus Christ, to hear words of compassion, and justice.

All: In bread and cup unite us, O God.

One: We gather in the tradition of the saints, to be strengthened to serve faithfully.

All: In bread and cup unite us, O God.

***Opening Hymn: VU 578**

vv. 1-3

“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

Opening Prayer:

All: O God, as we gather from all over the world at your table, we pray that all who come to you bearing the name of Christian might be one in spirit. Knead us together in one loaf. Free us from jealousy and selfish ambition. Unite us in mission and service to those in need everywhere. May we sow righteousness and harvest peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Time for Healing and Renewal

Assurance of God’s Healing Love:

One: With courage we take the leap of faith,

All: knowing that God will catch us!

One: With the faith the size of a mustard seed, God can change our lives.

All: We are ready and willing to be new people in God’s name.

Conversation Time: “Blessing of the Backpacks”

***Hymn: VU 468**

vv. 1-3

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Listening For God’s Word

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Lamentations 3:19-26

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-6

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: We give praise for the presence of God through the Word.

Ministry of Music: “Christians Come, Gather at the Table”

Besig/Price

Message: “Communion-ity”

Responding To God’s Word

Invitation to The Offering

***Offertory Hymn:**

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because God’s given Jesus Christ, God’s Son.

And now, let the weak say “I am strong!”

Let the poor say “I am rich”

Because of what the Lord has done for us!

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Sacrament Of Holy Communion

***Hymn: VU 469**

vv. 1-3

“We Gather Here”

Announcements

Sunday October 5th, 2025

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

Today's Greeters are Myno and Judy Vandyke.

Today's Reader is Hope Pascoe.

Bible Study is Wednesday at 10 am.



Baked Potato Bonanza

The Stewards invite you to join us in the hall after the service for Baked Potatoes with all the fixins'.....cheese, sour cream, chives, even chili! Free will offering.

Announcements & Meetings

Please have announcements to Lynne by noon on Thursdays, for the bulletin. Please let Lynne know of any meetings you will be hosting in the church so she can keep up to date on the calendar.

Missing Table Cloths

If you happen to have any of the UCW table clothes around home, could you please return them to the church? Thank you.

From Property...

Just like the Stewards, the Property Ministry really does require another person (or two). We have had one person resign and Nate is off to school in Windsor. Please reach out to Lynne or Stuart if you are able to join in. We will set up a meeting some time soon.

Dates at a Glance.....

Oct. 6 th , 27 th , Nov 10 th , 17 th .	Crock Pot Dinners. Dinner at 5 pm
October 2 nd , 16 th , & 30 th , 7 pm	Vision 200 Meetings
Today....	Sacrament of Holy Communion Blessing of the Backpacks Baked Potato Bonanza
October 7 th , 7 pm	★★NEW DATE for Official Board Meeting
October 19 th	Congregational Meeting -After the Service
November 22 nd	Annual Bazaar

A newsletter is being prepared for the upcoming Advent/Christmas season. Please email submissions to Robin Blesse (peterandrobinb@gmail.com) by Sunday, October 26th.

A Visioning 200 update and feedback opportunity is coming up on Sunday, October 19th. A short congregational meeting will be held that day immediately following the morning worship service.

ECORC Annual Fall Business Meeting

You are invited to attend our upcoming Annual Fall Business Meeting, a special gathering dedicated to worship, reflection, and vital church business. Sat October 25th at the Alderville Community Centre. Deadline of October 21st. (or Oct 16th for lunch to be included) <https://ecorcuccan.ca/2025-ecorc-annual-fall-business-meeting/>

Budget Proposal Pre-meeting info session is on October 14th, at 7 pm via Zoom. Register at <https://ecorcuccan.ca/event/fall-information-session-oct-14th/>

Please Consider.....

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday, we give thanks for God's many blessings and for the faithful generosity of our congregation. Your gifts have allowed our church to continue its ministries and serve our community in meaningful ways.

At this time, we also acknowledge that our church is experiencing an ongoing budget deficit. We prayerfully ask that you consider making an ***extra offering*** this Thanksgiving Sunday to help us close the gap and continue the good work we are called to do together.



We are deeply grateful for your past and present generosity. Every gift—large or small—makes a difference. Thank you for your continued support and for being a blessing to our church family.
Thank you! Susan

Faith Circle Group

2SLGBTQ+ faith group in Oshawa meets on the last Sunday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Club 717 in Oshawa. The club is located in the industrial section of Oshawa, at 717 Wilson Rd South, Unit 7. Please pass this information along to anyone who might be interested in exploring their spirituality as a part of the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

QiGong Practice

Tuesday October 7th, 2025 at 10:30 am

Everyone is welcome to join the practice of the ancient Chinese Qigong, combining gentle movements, controlled breathing, and meditation to enhance the body's vital energy (Qi) for improved health, stress reduction, and increased longevity. Contribution welcomed for the Church.

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An Invitation to view the Replica Witness Blanket

A unique experience is happening in our region. Trinity St. Andrew's United Church in Cannington is hosting an art installation of the replica Witness Blanket, now until October 18th, Tuesday to Sunday, from noon to 8 pm (closed Mondays). Admission is free.

The original Witness Blanket was created by artist Carey Newman to honour his father and other residential school survivors. Made of cedar and hundreds of items, when fully assembled, it measures 12 meters long and 3 meters high. The Witness Blanket team travelled 200,000 km across Canada to collect the over 800 pieces of history used to create the blanket. The artifacts were donated by residential school survivors and their families, band offices and governments. Churches and Canadian federal government, those responsible for the residential school system, donated pieces as a gesture of reconciliation. Still other pieces were reclaimed from former residential school sites.

While the original Witness Blanket is preserved by the Canadian Museum of Human Rights in Winnipeg, Manitoba, a reproduction has been created so that the sharing of its stories and message can continue.

If you would like to go as a part of a group, please let the church office know and we will choose a date that suits those interested and arrange for carpooling. This is one way to live into our congregation's weekly land acknowledgement.

Stewardship Second.....

September 28: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We have all been blessed, so we all have a great opportunity to bless others through generosity.

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: Let us lift up our hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: It is time to give thanks to our God.

All: Let us come before our God in prayer.

One: God of the table: as we gather to taste your banquet, we offer prayers of thanksgiving.

All: In this season of harvest, we give thanks for the fruits of the earth, for the food on our tables.

One: In this global village, we give thanks for our brothers and sisters, for our siblings. We give thanks for our neighbours both near and far.

All: In this world of strife and broken relationships, we give thanks for the ways that you draw us together and for the hope that you give us.

One: God of the banquet, we give thanks for your witness and work in the world across the ages.

All: Noah, Moses and Miriam. Deborah, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. We remember your prophets. Grandparents, teachers, and friends. We celebrate the saints who have brought us to this table and who have shown us the way.

One: And now with deep thanksgiving we remember the one in whose name we gather, Jesus.

All: He called us and still calls us to the banquet.

One: He shared food with followers and friends, with saints and sinners, with Gentiles, Jews, and Samaritans, with crowds of thousands on the hillside and with a few friends in an upper room.

All: He shared a vision of peace and justice, and lived a life of compassion and truth.

One: And now, as we gather at the table, we remember the last meal that he shared with his companions. He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

All: "Take, eat, Do this in remembrance of me."

One: Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:

All: "Drink from this cup. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: Despite his welcoming all to the banquet, Jesus was rejected, abandoned, and put to death.

All: And yet his death did not put an end to his healing presence and his redeeming grace.

One: Celebrating his resurrection, we prepare for his promised return for the banquet of grace.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

One: Welcoming Christ's presence in our midst, recognizing Christ in both friend and stranger, yearning to live God's kingdom now and always, we pray in one voice together ***The Lord's Prayer***

Calling upon the Holy Spirit

Breaking of the Bread and the Cup

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Please approach down the centre aisle and return to pews walking back up the outside aisles. Please place empty communion cups in the baskets on the front pew. Thank you.

★For those who are unable, please let the ushers know by raising your hand so we can serve you.

Prayer after Communion:

All: God of new life: with joy we have come to your banquet and have received this sacrament of bread and cup. We have been drawn together in your name, and now we prepare to go out into your world. Bless us with the knowledge of the one to whom we belong. Together with all your people, may we dream dreams and live lives that reflect your expansive love. Amen.

Going Into The World

***Closing Hymn: VU 481**

vv. 1-2

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

***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.

Postlude: “Trumpet Voluntary”

Composed by Henry Purcell

Ministry in our church is shared between the congregation and staff:

Minister: Rev. Elaine Hall

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