



# NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

10:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Paul Kneebone LLWL  
Donna Barber ARCT

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

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*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**

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

**Prelude (A centering time) “I Surrender All”**

Music by W.S. Weeden      Arranged by Phillip Keveren

**Lighting The Christ Candle**

**\*Opening Hymn: VU 642**

**vv. 1-5**

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

- 1    Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.**
  
- 2    Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**
  
- 3    Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.**

4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

### *Call To Worship*

L: Children of God: welcome!

**A: Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

L: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**A: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved  
community,**

L: God invites all of us to share in the good news

**A: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved,  
just as we are.**

L: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God

**\*Hymn VU 567**

**vv. 1, 2, 5**

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”**

### **Extinguishing A Lenten Candle - Opening Prayer - Candle of Peace**

Lenten Liturgy by Mary Jo Harrison/ UC Gathering 2025 L/E p.68

# *Announcements*

Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

Today's Greeters are Jo-Anne and John Smithson.

Scripture Reader is Diane Winchester.

Bible Study will resume this week.



## **Coffee Time**

Please join us in the church hall for fellowship after the service. Today's treats brought to you by Mission and Service.

## **Tax Receipts**

Any Tax Receipts not picked up recently, have been mailed out. Please watch your mailbox if you are looking for one.

## **Easter Flowers for the Sanctuary**

If you are interested in flowers for the Sanctuary for Easter, reach out to Lynne in the office and she will coordinate with Wendy to have Flowers placed and recognition notes in the Bulletin.

**Announcements for Bulletin** – please make sure to reach out to Lynne before NOON on Thursdays to get announcements into the Bulletin.

## Dates to Take Note of....

|                                                                                                                                    |                                                           |
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| April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup><br>7:00 pm                                                                               | Vision 200 Meetings                                       |
| Communion Dates....<br>April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30 am<br>April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30 am<br>April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30 am | Palm Sunday<br>Good Friday<br>Easter Sunday               |
| May 11 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                               | Baptism                                                   |
| June 8 <sup>th</sup> , Pentecost                                                                                                   | Communion, 100 <sup>th</sup><br>Anniversary United Church |

### Meredith Cutting Concert

Newcastle United Church will be again hosting an evening of song with Meredith. “Love and Spring are in the Air” Please join us on April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Free Will Offering.

### Knitting Group

Vicki would like to invite others to join her in starting a Prayer Shawl Knitting (or Crocheting) group. Blankets/Shawls would be donated to cancer patients. If you are interested, please reach out to her at 289-385-0888 or [65vmustcat@gmail.com](mailto:65vmustcat@gmail.com).

## Reminders.....

Hearing Assist Devices - We have a number of hearing assist devices that are available at the back AV desk in the sanctuary. Ask Richard or Brian to use one during services.

Lynne's Office Hours – Lynne is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 to 4 pm. She can be reached by phone or email.

### **First Quarter Financial Update**

We want to take a moment to update you on the financial status of our church for the first quarter of 2025. As we reflect on the start of this year, we are grateful for the faithful support that each of you continues to provide.

Total Income: \$24,248

Total Expenses: \$44,915

Net Loss: \$20,467

It's important to note that a significant portion of our expenses includes the full payment of our insurance for the year, which amounted to \$13,850.

While we continue to manage our resources carefully, we are facing a shortfall.

As we approach the Easter season—a time of reflection, gratitude, and renewal—we humbly ask you to prayerfully consider making an extra donation to the church. Your support, especially at this time, will make a significant difference as we continue to serve our community and meet our financial obligations.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity.



We appreciate all donations and can accept PAR, envelope givings, and e-transfer at [nucetransfer@gmail.com](mailto:nucetransfer@gmail.com) using the answer “Newcastle”. You can also send via [Canadahelps.org](http://Canadahelps.org) **You can scan our QR code to the left to**

**donate.** If you have any questions please contact our treasurer, Susan at 289-927-6297 or

[office@newcastleunitedchurch.org](mailto:office@newcastleunitedchurch.org)

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

### **Contacting Rev. Bryan Ransom directly**

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### **Contact Lynne in the Office**

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### **Book the Hall**

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**\*Hymn VU 108**

**v.1**

**“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”**

**1 Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
we live in hope till Easter Day.**

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

**Scripture Reading**

**New Testament: John 12: 1-8**

**Mary anoints Jesus with costly ointment.**

**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 79 “Spirit, Open My Heart”**

**vv. 1, 2**

**REFRAIN**

**Spirit, open my heart  
to the joy and pain of living,  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.**

**God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender,  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender..... REFRAIN**

**Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory..... REFRAIN**

## **Conversation Time**

**\*Hymn MV 79 “Spirit, Open My Heart” v. 3**

**May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another..... REFRAIN**

Traditional Irish melody Words: Ruth Duck

## **Reflection**

**Ministry of Music “My Savior and My God”**

Music by Jay Althouse

### **Our Response**

#### **Invitation to The Offering**

**\*The Offertory Hymn VU 544  
“In Gratitude And Humble Trust”  
In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.**

## **Dedication Of the Offering**

### **Prayers of the People**

**\*Closing Hymn VU 337**

**vv. 1-3**

**“Blessed Assurance”**

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.**

**REFRAIN This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**REFRAIN**

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.**

**REFRAIN**

## **\*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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

Arranged by Phillip Keveren

### *Stewardship Second*

#### *April 6: Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*When you use what God has blessed you with  
generously to care for creation and  
neighbour, you are praising God.*