

# NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

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Welcome!

# Summer Time.... When The Living IS Easy!

"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**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Prelude (A centering time)** "We Gather Together" (arr. Victor Labenske)

"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive."

—Dalai Lama

#### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

**L:** We light this candle as a sign that God's Spirit is at work in the world. May Christ's Light brighten our spirits that we may be Christ's light for others.

#### Call To Worship

Call to Worship – Hungry for Restoration L: In the midst of myriad distractions, we gather, longing for you.

A: Restore us, O God! We hunger.

L: In the midst of the temptation to live in fear, we gather, trusting in you.

A: Restore us, O God! We hunger.

L: In the midst of the challenges of daily living, we gather, craving your presence.

A: Restore us, O God! We hunger.

L: Come, worship the One who feeds our deepest hungers and sustains us with love.

(From Leader, Winter 2016-17. ©2016 MennoMedia.)

\*Hymn VU 229 "God Of The Sparrow"

vv. 1-6

#### \*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Creator, there are times when we feel overwhelmed by the situations in our world and in the relationships we have. Like the rains that fall restoring dry soil, let your spirit restore our hope in who You are. Today, reaffirm our strength and hope that are found in You, and not in what we see. Remind us of the purposes that you have for us and the resources to accomplish what You have called us to do. Remind us of your faithfulness and to not lose hope in Your goodness, provision, and sovereignty. Revive our hope in You to inspire, encourage, comfort, and to assist in restoring all that has been lost and broken, in your name we pray. Amen (by Kristyn Mayden modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

## Listening For The Spirit Of God Through The Word

Scripture Reading:

New Testament: Gospel of Mark 6:30-52

#### 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 611 vv. 1-3 "Out Of The Depths, O God We Call to You"

Reflection: Burnout

#### **Our Response**

#### Invitation to The Offering

\*The Offertory Hymn MV 34
"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!
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 626 vv. 1-3
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus"

v. 1

## \*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.

# Announcements

August 11th, 2024

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

Today's Greeters are Vicki Muscat and Heather Snoxall

Bible Study is on hiatus until Sept 18th.

Lynne is back in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30-3, if you need to reach out.

**Hunger on the Hill, Opportunity** 

The United Church of Canada invites United Church people interested in learning about global hunger and in meeting with MPs in person to apply for the <u>Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) Hunger on the Hill Event</u> being held in Ottawa October 19 - 23, 2024. For more information, see the following, <a href="https://united-church.ca/opportunities/hunger-hill-canadian-foodgrains-bank-ottawa-o">https://united-church.ca/opportunities/hunger-hill-canadian-foodgrains-bank-ottawa-o</a>

The Global Youth Climate Training Programme (GYCT) is a free, fully online capacity-building programme that equips people aged 16-35 with the knowledge and confidence necessary to engage in international climate policy. Find more info at... <a href="https://united-church.ca/opportunities/global-youth-climate-training-global-youth-coalition-online">https://united-church.ca/opportunities/global-youth-coalition-online</a>

The United Church of Canada continues to pray for the congregation of Jasper United Church, which lost its church building in the recent devastating wildfires. We also share our prayers for congregation of St. Mary and St. George Anglican Church, which also lost their church building in the fire, as well as for the wider community of Jasper, AB, and for all those affected by climate-change sparked fires in so many places across Canada.

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