

Wait Patiently for Him



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

August 18th, 2024

10:30 am

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) "Be Still, My Soul"

Melody: Jean Sibelius Words: Brian Doerksen

“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**

L: On this Sabbath Day, I encourage you to set aside the demands that you carry this day and to find rest.

A: The noise of those demands still rings in our ears.

L: Together in worship let the Living Spirit still our hearts to know the promise of God's peace in our lives.

A: Let us be still and listen together.

L: There will always be needs and demands on our time, but now is a time to rest and to let God's presence carry you for a while.

A: Restore and renew us in your Holy image.

L: Rest and let the love of God surround you as you worship the One who brings new energy to our living.

A: Let us worship.

(by Nancey Townlin modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

***Hymn VU 253 "Sing Your Joy"**

vv. 1-4

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

Weary as we feel from a busy week, we seek sanctuary in Your Holy Presence. With our to-do list constantly in front of us, help us set it aside during this time, so we don't miss what you have in store for us today.

Help me to focus on these moments to know what I need to let go of and what I need to attend to.

Empower and equip me to attend to these matters by giving me strength to abide in You. Renew my mind, my body, and my spirit, Lord, and make me whole through your Loving Presence. Amen.

(by Dr. Sandra Dalton-Smith modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

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

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 20:8-10

Psalm 37:7

Matthew 11:28-30

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 374**

vv. 1-3

“Come And Find The Quiet Centre”

Reflection: Finding Rest

Our Response

Mission And Service Stories

Invitation to The Offering

***The Offertory Hymn 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: MV 84**

vv. 1, 2

“In You There Is Our Refuge”

**In you there is a refuge,
in you we find our peace.
When all we know is chaos
may our trust in you increase.
In you there is a silence,
in you our minds are clear.
When all we hear is discord
may your quiet draw us near.**

**In you there is a vision,
in you we learn to dream.
When all we see is desert
may you be our living stream.
In you there is a future,
in you we find our way.
When hope has shed its brightness
may you show us a new day.**

****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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