



# NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

May 26, 2024

10:30 am

Rev Bryan Ransom, B.A., MDiv.

Donna Barber, ARCT

*Annual Church Picnic*

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**

**Announcements**

**\* Indicates for congregation to stand as you are able.**

“Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” (Howard Thurman)

**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:** Jesus calls us.

**A:** **Young and old, small and tall, abled and disabled, wealthy and poor, and all those in between.**

**L:** We are family.

**A:** **We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or seeking praise for what we have done.**

**L:** We love one another.

**A:** **We desire to love others as you love us.**

**L:** Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

**A:** **Create in us hearts for compassion and kindness. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn VU 409 “Morning Has Broken”**

**1 Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Merciful and gracious God, we gather outdoors this morning in worship. We see nature around us, feel the warm air on our faces, and hear the songs of the world around us - all of this delighting our senses.**

**Each of us comes with hearts hurting. Worries for others and our ourselves. Feeling bad about how we have hurt someone in our lives. Feeling anxious about our world. Let us hear your words of comfort and hope today. Let these moments be a time to rest in your presence as You, Holy One, remind us of your love for all creation. Be with us this day and guide our steps toward a more loving and hope- filled world, in your name we pray. AMEN.**

# Announcements

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Welcome! Find a good viewpoint, set up your chairs and meet a new friend.**

Today's Greeters are Gail Empey and her granddaughter, Gracie

Biblos Reader is Gail Empey .

Bible Study is now on Summer Vacation and will resume on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Flowers for the Sanctuary



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

## Meetings

**CHANGE OF DATE**, Official Board Meeting has been changed to June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please have all reports sent in by June 6<sup>th</sup>.

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June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm

## **Mark the Date!**

From the Stewards: The yard, bake and plant sale is SOON!

**Sat. June 8<sup>th</sup>.** All contributions are welcome, so please start cleaning out, transplanting in your garden, and baking. Donations can be dropped off at the church any time the hall door is open. (ring the bell and Lynne can let you in on Tuesdays and Thursdays.) We will be collecting baking and plants after 3 pm on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Reminder**

The church will be closed for the month of July, for our summer holidays. We will commence services again on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Broadview(Observer) Renewal**

If you are interested in renewing your subscription to Broadview, see Lynne in the office. Group Subscription is \$30. We need 5 2 more subscriptions.

## **Cookbook**

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

## **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UCC**

The UCC is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Special Service will be at Metropolitan United Church in Toronto at 4 pm. It will be broadcast at <https://youtube.com/@unitedchurchcda>

## **Announcements**

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please reach out to Lynne by noon on Thursdays.



### **Key Chains**

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

### **Krums Breadery & Stuff**

Sherry-Lee and Geoff are celebrating their official Grand Opening on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm at their new permanent location! Join them for fun and specials at 422 Lake Rd, Bowmanville. From 1 to 6 pm.

### **We are now live streaming services...**

Go to....

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

Or go to YouTube and Search:  
Newcastle United Church

Service will begin streaming at 10:30

(\*today's service will NOT be broadcast nor recorded due to location)



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**\*Song "I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing"**

**I'd like to build the world a home and furnish it with love,  
Grow apple trees and honey bees and snow white turtle doves.**

**I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony,  
I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company.**

**I'd like to see the world for once all standing hand in hand,  
And hear them echo through the hills for peace throughout the  
land.**

**That's the song I hear, let the world sing today,  
A song of peace that echoes on and never goes away.**

**Put your hand in my hand,  
Let's begin today.  
Put your hand in my hand,  
help me find the way.**

**I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony,  
I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company.**

**I'd like to see the world for once all standing hand in hand,  
And hear them echo through the hills for peace throughout the  
land.**

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

**Scripture Reading:**

**New Testament      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 365 “Jesus Loves Me”**

**1 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
in his love we shall be strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**2 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, 'Let them come to me.' R**

**3 Jesus loves me still today,  
walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live. R**

**Reflection: Intergenerational Worship Message**

**Ministry of Music: “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

## ***Our Response***

### ***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**

### **Faith In Motion Presentations**

### **Prayers of The People**

**\*Closing Hymn: VU 424**

**“May The God Of Hope Go With Us”**

**vv. 1, 2**

**1 May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

***\*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.**

**Words can be found on the screens or in front of Hymn book.**

