



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

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10:30 am

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Communion

Summer Time, Fun In The Sun!

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

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)

“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

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: In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.

A: **And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.**

L: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

A: **And God found me and brought me home.**

L: When my life was filled with joy and blessing, I danced and praised God.

A: And God danced and rejoiced with me. Thanks be to God. AMEN. (By Nancey Townley)

***Hymn VU 245**

vv. 1,2

“Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Through our worship, Creator, we want to show our thankfulness and our gratefulness to you. Thank you for your faithfulness and provision in our lives. Thank you for each person here and the unique talents and perspectives they bring. We thank you for the opportunity to gather together, to worship and to work towards a common goal. In everything we give thanks, as it says in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "*Give thanks in all circumstances . . .*" May our hearts be filled with gratitude as we celebrate in your Name. Amen

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

Scripture Reading:

Hebrew Text – Old Testament.

1 Samuel 17: 1, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

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 690**

vv. 1-4

“From The Slave Pens Of The Delta”

Reflection: Fighting The Goliaths In Our Lives

Ministry of Music: “This Land Is Your Land”

Music: Woody Guthrie; Canadian lyrics: The Travellers

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

Prayers Of the People

Invitation To The Table

Communion

L: At this table we give thanks for justice, love, peace and freedom.

At this table we give thanks for friends and strangers.

A: At this table we welcome old and young.

All are invited.

Come, as we prepare the meal. (Carter Heyward)

***Communion Hymn MV 194**

vv.1-5

“Bread Of Life”

**Bread of Life, feed my soul,
as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
with the grace and mercy you impart.**

**I have heard your voice calling,
“Come, my friend, and share
in the feast that is laid out for you
to show how much I care.”**

**Bread of life, help me live
a life as pure and true as Jesus did.
Bread of life, help me see
the boundless love of Christ for you and me.**

**I have heard your voice calling,
“Come, my friend, and share
in the feast that is laid out for you
to show how much I care.”**

**Bread of life, feed my soul,
as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
with the grace and mercy you impart.**

Words and Music: Stephen Spencer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: May God be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them up to the Holy One.

L: Let us give thanks

A: It is right to give thanks and praise.

L: God of the summer's day,

A: Praise and wonder be.

L: God of the lingering sunset and early dawn,

A: Praise and wonder be.

L: God of the hot north wind and the refreshing rain
showers,

God of the shady tree and the cool lakes,

God of the ripening harvest and sparkling sea,

A: Show to us beauty, vision, and joy.

L: All creation blesses the Source of Energy and Life.

For all things bright and beautiful.

For all things dark and mysterious and lovely.

For all things green and growing and strong.

For all things weak and struggling to push life up through rocky earth.

For all human faces, hearts, minds, and hands which surround us. And for all non human minds and hearts, paws and claws, fins and wings... (by G A Ricciuti)

A: Praise and wonder be.

L: So we join our praise with all your people across the generations, saying

**A: Holy, holy, holy, Celebrating God,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

L: In our praise and thanksgiving we also remember the ways of Jesus

who walked the dusty roads of Galilee,
who taught from seashore and mountainside,
who told stories of the sower and the seed,
the lilies of the field, and the birds of the air.

May we too, know your presence in the beauty of creation. We also remember, Creating God, that your care for this earth and your people can be denied; for your goodness was abused and the Human One betrayed. On the night of his arrest, so our tradition reminds us, Jesus shared a meal with his disciples.

Bread taken, blessed, broken in silence

Wine taken, poured out, in silence

Through grain and grape, bread and wine,
he spoke of his coming death and new life,
asking his disciples to remember him.

Blessing

L: Be present with us now, Enfolding God, as we share
this sacrament.

Let your Holy Spirit brood among us...

and upon and through this Bread and Wine.

Bless us with a desire to praise in song and story and
poetry.

Bless us with a sharpened awareness of your
presence.

Bless us with deep compassion.

Bless us with the patience and daring of the mystics.

A: Abide with us always.

Abide with us in our daily work.

Abide with us when we rest.

Abide with us in our journeying.

Abide with us at all times and through eternity.

Communion

Please approach down the centre aisle and return to
pews walking up the outside aisles.

After Communion Prayer (Unison)

Summer is a time when all things are possible. We may feel the desire to dress differently, to take up a new interest, to spend time at the beach, to water ski, or to take walks in the bush. Whatever our desires, let us have the courage to follow the stirrings of the Spirit in our lives at this time of summer. Let us blossom forth colour, creativity and flair. Let us break out of old patterns, old moulds, and array ourselves in a cloak of many blossoming colours. (Adapt. Kathleen Glennon/hs)

***Closing Hymn: VU 560**

vv. 1-4

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

****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.



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