



*if anyone is in
Christ, there is
a new creation*

NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

March 30th, 2025

10:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Rev Bryan Ransom MDiv
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

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

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

Prelude (a centering time) “In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)” Words and Music by Stuart Townend & Keith Getty arr. Victor Labenske

Lighting The Christ Candle

We light the Christ Candle in hope that the light glows, reconnecting us with the Spirit of the Living Christ as we worship together in this place.

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves...What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation." — Catherine Doherty

***Opening Hymn VU 376** **v. 1**

“Spirit of The Living God”

1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Call To Worship

L: Come, let God’s love embrace us in our worship time.

A: We are liberated through God’s eternal love, forgiveness and reconciliation.

L: We are called by God to share in the ministry of reconciliation.

A: God reconciles humanity through Jesus Christ who is our hope for life long transformation.

L: Let us take up this ministry of reconciliation and forgiveness

A: that brings about wholeness and unity in God's creation.

L: Come let us strive together to serve God faithfully in what we say and do. AMEN.

Hymn VU 333

vv. 1-3

“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

- 2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

Announcements

Sunday March 30th, 2025

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

Today's Greeters are Noah Hosein and Wendy Bracken.

Scripture Reader is John Smithson.

Bible Study is cancelled this week.



Coffee Time

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

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.

Dates to Take Note of....

April 10 th , 24 th 7:00 pm	Vision 200 Meetings
Communion Dates.... April 13 th , 10:30 am April 18 th , 10:30 am April 20 th , 10:30 am	Palm Sunday Good Friday Easter Sunday
May 11 th	Baptism
June 8 th , Pentecost	Communion, 100 th 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 26th, at 7 pm. Free Will Offering.

Men’s and Ladies’ Breakfast

Next Breakfast will be April 5th at 8:30am at St Francis of Assisi Church. \$15. Speaker is John Walsh from The Snug. Breakfast will include Irish Music. Reach out to Myno for info re tickets.

Stewardship Second.....

March 30: Fourth Sunday in Lent

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!” (2 Corinthians 5:17 NRSV)

Passing

We have learned that Marion Harmer has passed away on March 13th. There will be a service at Oshawa Funeral Home on April 2nd. Visitation is 9:30-10:30 and service to follow at 10:30.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/oshawa-on/marion-harmer-12290735>

Knitting Group

Vicki is interested in starting a supportive knitting and crocheting group. If you are interested, please reach out to her at 289-385-0888 or 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 during services.

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

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.



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**3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Extinguishing- Fourth Lenten Candle – Love –

Opening Prayer Lenten Liturgy by Mary Jo Harrison/ UC Gathering 2025 L/E
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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: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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 147**

vv. 1-3

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

- 2 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,
that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.**

- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme I will sing.**

Conversation Time

***Hymn 147**

v. 4

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing
on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Reflection

Ministry of Music “Thy Word”

Words and Music by Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith

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 271

vv. 1-5

“There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy”

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy

like the wideness of the sea;

there's a kindness in God's justice

which is more than liberty.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows

are more felt than up in heaven;

there is no place where earth's failings

have such gracious judgement given.

- 3** There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that Christ has shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
- 4** Troubled souls, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?
- 5** For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

****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 "Trust and Obey"

Music: Daniel B. Towner; Lyrics: John H. Sammis