



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

May 19, 2024

10:30 am

*Pentecost Sunday
Communion*

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

*** Indicates for congregation to 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

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: Come, Holy Spirit, come,
with your languages of wonder:

**A: that we may mingle our words together
to share the gospel of grace and compassion with all around us.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit, come with the music of your heart:

**A: that we may sing songs filled with praises and loud
hosannans.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit, come rattle the windows of our souls with your
Living Spirit:

**A: and burst through the closed doors of our hearts to dance
with us in the fire of renewal.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit, come we pray!

A: Come, Holy Spirit, to us this day!

(by Thom Shuman modified by Rev. B Ransom)

***Hymn MV 30 "It's A Song Of Praise To The Maker"**

It's a song of praise to the Maker,

the thrush sings high in the tree.

It's a song of praise to the Maker,

the gray whale sings in the sea.

Refrain

And by the Spirit, you and I

can join our voice to the holy cry

and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

**It's a call of life to the Giver,
when waves and waterfalls roar.**

**It's a call of life to the Giver,
when high tides break on the shore..... Refrain**

**It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.**

**It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song..... Refrain**

**It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things,
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings..... Refrain**

Opening Prayer - Breath Prayer (Inspired by Romans 8:22-27)

L: The Apostle Paul tells us the Spirit prays for us “with sighs too deep for words”.

A: Through the Life-Giving Breath of God, we are given all that we need. Let us breathe deeply – inhaling the good gifts that God provides and exhaling all the things that we need to release.

Let us breathe in strength.

And, let us exhale our exhaustion.

Let us breathe in freedom.

And, let us exhale all that holds us back.

Let us breathe in a new sense of direction.

And, let us exhale the paths we no longer want to use.

Let us breathe in hope.

And, let us exhale self-doubt.

Let us breathe in unconditional love.

And, let us exhale distrust and hate.

Holy Spirit let us feel the mighty rush of your presence in this place and time. Blow away our fears and worries and help us to breathe in your gifts of new life. Amen.

<http://worshipcloset.com/day-pentecost-words-worship-year-b/>

***Hymn MV 150 “Spirit God, Be Our Breath” vv. 1-4**

1. Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.

Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.

Our world seems inward, defensive withdrawn.

Spirit God, be our song.

2. Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.

Comfort us. When we know you are near

we grow more certain, our vision is clear.

Patient God, calm our fear.

**3. Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.**

**4. Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge we'll greet the new dawn.
Spirit God, be our song.
*Words & music: Bruce Harding, 1997***

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

Scripture Readings:

Hebrew Text Ezekiel 37:1-14

New Testament Acts 2:1-21

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 VU 380**

vv. 1-3

“She Comes Sailing On The Wind”

Conversation Time

***Hymn VU 380**

vv. 4, 5

“She Comes Sailing On The Wind”

Announcements

May 19th, 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 Carol Weatherup.

Biblos Reader is Diane Winchester.

Bible Study will be on Wednesday.



Coffee Time

Please join us after today's service for Coffee/Tea in the Hall. Today's treats are being supplied by Ministry and Personnel.

Mark the Date!

From the Stewards: We are planning a yard, bake and plant sale at NUC on **Sat. June 8th**. All contributions are welcome, so please start cleaning out, transplanting in your garden, and baking. More details to follow!

Broadview(Observer) Renewal

If you are interested in renewing your subscription to Broadview, see Lynne in the office before May 31st. Group Subscription is \$30. We need 54 more subscriptions.

Cookbook

Do you have a favourite recipe? The Committee organizing the 200th 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.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

Vicki Muscat has donated the flowers in the sanctuary this week, in memory of Anne Harrison



100th Anniversary of UCC

The UCC is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on June 9th. 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.

CORRECTION-Upcoming meeting dates:

Please take note of upcoming meetings.....

Session Meeting	May 27 th , at 7 pm
Official Board meeting	June 2 nd at 7 pm
UCW	June 10 th at 1:30 pm

Church Picnic

Faith in Motion will be hosting the church picnic on June 2nd. We will have an outdoor service. Potluck lunch. More details to follow.

Concert Notice

St Paul's United Church in Bowmanville, will be hosting Adria Jackson, a Celtic singer and Harper, on Saturday June 15th at 7 pm. Tickets available at 905-623-7391.

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



We appreciate all donations and can accept PAR, envelope givings, and e-transfer at nucemailtransfer@gmail.com or through CanadaHelps. **You can scan our QR code to the left to donate.** If you have any questions please contact our interim treasurer, Susan at 289-927-6297 or treasurer@newcastleunitedchurch.org

Thank you for your donations which make our continued ministry possible.

Reflection: “A New Beginning”

Ministry of Music: “Come, O Holy Spirit”

Words: Fred Kaan Music: Ron Klusmeier

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

***Communion Hymn VU 376**

vv.1,2

“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.

2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Invitation to the Table

L: We come to the table --

A: all of us welcome.

L: We invite God to be part of us --

A: all of us breaking bread together.

L: We prepare to remember Jesus --

A: all of us touched by the Spirit of truth.

L: We hope to be empowered by our feast --

all of us with hearts burning inside

like the flame of Pentecost.

(<http://wondercafe.altervista.org/www.wondercafe.ca/blogs/rev-ali-smith/we-gather-spirit-pentecost-communion-liturgy.html>)

Loving God

Whose Divine Lungs exhaled the Spirit into our World

Your breath continues to transform our world

From the still to the stirring.

Before the earth was formed the Spirit of God swirled through voids and shadows.

As humans were created the air of God filled the lungs of Adam and the soul of Eve.

This Divine Air continues to fill us up when our bones are dry and spirits are sluggish. On this day of Pentecost when we celebrate the breath of the Spirit coming upon the disciples, we invite the Spirit to come upon these elements.

God of winds, pour out your Spirit to make the elements come alive for us. Make this meal awaken our sleepy hearts and stagnant souls.

May this time of eating and drinking be one

where we stir from our sadness and rise from our hopelessness.

May we begin to celebrate visions and animate the dreams that have only been alive in our minds.

(by Michelle L.T Torigian)

Prayers of Concern:

L: We invite the Spirit of God
to blow through our lives and our world,
as we pray about the needs that surround us.
You are invited to respond to each section of the prayer.
When I say, "Your Spirit's touch brings life, O God,"
you'll say, "and we are thankful."
Your Spirit's touch brings life, O God
All: and we are thankful.

L: We pray for those who have lost faith --
for those who have come ungrounded in their lives,
who see nothing but hopeless around them,
who feel distant from you, O God.
Your Spirit's touch brings life, O God
All: and we are thankful.

L: We pray for those who face challenges--
for those whose health is failing them,
who find money to be an obstacle,
who suffer oppression and injustice.
Your Spirit's touch brings life, O God
A: and we are thankful.

L: We pray for those who live apart from you--
for those who do not show love freely and abundantly,
who act selfishly,
who hurt others by their actions or inaction.
Your Spirit's touch brings life, O God
A: and we are thankful.

L: Spirit of God,
fill this world with your compassion.
Pour your love upon it.
Light it up with your power.
This was Jesus' vision
that he taught us to pray about
and we pray about it now, saying:

(Lord's Prayer)

(<http://wondercafe.altervista.org/www.wondercafe.ca/blogs/rev-ali-smith/we-gather-spirit-pentecost-communion-liturgy.html>)

As we share this meal,
Let us remember our siblings in faith who came to this table
In decades and centuries past
And our children who will surround this table in the future. Each
generation uniquely celebrates your presence, Spirit of Life.
The night before Jesus died was a solemn time around the table.
Breaking bread. Drinking from the cup.
Jesus asking to remember him in our eating and drinking. There was
a time to mourn followed by a time to dance. After the day of
resurrection, the disciples ate on the beach with the risen Christ,
celebrating new life, new hope, new vitality.
On this Pentecost, as we come to the table,
let us celebrate the Spirit of Resurrection
And the promise of a needed second wind in our own lives. Let us
partake of this celebratory meal together.

(by Michelle L. Torigian)

Distribution of Elements – Words of Remembrance

L: Jesus, The Bread of Life

A: For all to eat.

L: Jesus, The Cup of Compassion

A: For all to receive.

Please come forward down the centre aisle, receive the elements, deposit your communion cups in the basket placed at the end of the first pew, and return to place of seating by side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and a server will come to you. Thank you.

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit of God, who fed the multitudes, provided the manna in the wilderness, and blessed the elements, we give great thanks for the meal eaten and the company surrounding us. Inspire us, as we move forward this day and encourage us to transform our dreams into reality. Amen.

(By Michelle L. Torigian)

***Closing Hymn: Vu 586**

vv. 1-2

****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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