



For God so Loved  
the world.....

# NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

May 26, 2024

10:30 am

Rev Bryan Ransom, B.A., 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

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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.**

**Prelude (A centering time) “Fairest Lord Jesus”**

**Ancient Silesian folk song (arranged by Jerry Ray)**

“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: God's love is poured out on all of God's creation.**

**A: From the foundations of time, God's love has and is continually being woven into all things.**

L: When we cry "Abba", God hears and lovingly responds to us.

**A: Thanks be to God who forgives and lifts us up.**

L: Now we are invited to consider new life in and with Christ.

**A: Open our hearts and our lives that we may truly be born with hearts aflame in God's love. AMEN.**

(by Nancy C. Townley modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

**\*Opening Prayer**

**God of grace and compassion, we come seeking you in our hidden moments in life. We hide ourselves in the fears and shadows of our living, hoping that you will offer us peace and comfort for our souls. We have made our faith complicated but Jesus invites us to open ourselves to your spirit of love, bringing with it peace and hope for our frayed spirits. In your tender love, remind us of your promise today found in and through Jesus who desires us to have abundant life. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn: VU 253 "Sing Your Joy"  
vv. 1-4**

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

**Scripture Reading:**

**New Testament      John 3:1-17**

# Announcements

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

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

Today's Greeters are Roy and Rosanne Watts

Biblos and Announcements Reader is Roy Watts .

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 Congregational Life.

## **Church Picnic**

Faith in Motion will be hosting the outdoor church  
picnic on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Pascoe's, 3278 Conc Rd 3-  
weather dependant! Potluck lunch. Bring a  
lawn/camp chair. Sign up sheet will be in the church  
hall.

**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.

### **Mark the Date!**

From the Stewards: We are planning a yard, bake and plant sale at NUC on **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>.

### **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 3 more subscriptions.

### **Key Chains**

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

### **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.

### **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>.

Session Meeting  
UCW

May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm  
June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 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



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



## **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: MV 12 “Come, Touch Our Hearts” vv. 1-4**

**Come touch our hearts that we may know  
compassion,  
from failing embers build a blazing fire;  
love strong enough to overturn injustice,  
to seek a world more gracious,  
come touch and bless our hearts.**

**Come touch our souls that we may know and love  
you,  
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;  
create a space for spirit to grow in us,  
let life and beauty fill us,  
come touch and bless our souls.**

**Come touch our minds and teach us how to  
reason,  
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;  
help us to open doors of understanding,  
to welcome truth and wisdom,  
come touch and bless our minds.**

**Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,  
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;  
that we may rise to follow and to serve,  
steady now our nerve,  
come touch and bless our wills.**

## Conversation Time

**Hymn: MV 12 “Come, Touch Our Hearts” v. 5**

**Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,  
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;  
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,  
our mind, our strength, our all,  
come touch us with your grace.**

**Words & Music: Gordon Light**

**Reflection: “Midnight Conversation”**

**Ministry of Music: A medley of hymns by Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)**

## *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**

**\*Closing Hymn: VU 348 “O Love How Deep”  
vv. 1-7**

### ***\*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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