



*The Son of Man  
did not  
come to be  
served,  
but to serve*

## NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

**Prelude (A centering time) “’Tis So Sweet to Trust  
in Jesus”** Arranged by Phillip Keveren

*To fall in love with God is the greatest romance;  
to seek him is the greatest adventure;  
to find him is the greatest human achievement.  
~Saint Augustine*

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

L: We light this candle as a sign that God's Spirit is at work in the world uniting us as the Body of Christ. May Christ's Light brighten our spirits that we may be Christ's Light for others.

**\*Call To Worship**

L: God makes no distinction between us. We gather equally in God's sight.

**A: God knows us and loves us completely.**

L: As imperfect as we are:

**A: God knows us and loves us completely.**

L: We are called to follow Christ and discover God's vision for all of creation.

**A: We give thanks that God, who trusts us regardless of our imperfections, enables us to share Christ's compassion with all whom we greet.**

L: Come let us give praise to the One who calls us by name. **Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn: VU 245**

**vv. 1, 2**

**"Praise The Lord With The Sound Of Trumpet"**

**Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

**Creator, everywhere we look we see the imprint of Your presence. Your presence is captured in the flaming colours of autumn, the salmon swimming upstream, the joy of children jumping in a pile of fallen leaves. Such joy echoes throughout creation.**

**As we gather today to celebrate Your presence in creation, remind us that we are part of Your creation, called to love into being what You have made. Give us the courage and strength to work for peace and justice for all of Your creation as we celebrate in Your Holy Name. AMEN.**

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

**Scripture Reading**

**New Testament Mark 10:35-45**

# Announcements

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

Today's Greeters are Gwen Holmes and Carol Weatherup

Scripture and Announcements Reader is Hope Pascoe

Bible Study will be at 11 am this week.

## Coffee Time



Please join us in the church hall for fellowship after the service. Today's Treats brought to you by the Session.

## Faith in Motion

Our Young People's Faith programming is now up and running for the fall. However, we could use some help:

- New leaders are needed for the Sunday morning Faith in Motion program
- Also, people who might be able to contribute new ideas, help with special events, etc.

If you are interested, please contact Robin at [youngfaith@newcastleuntitedchurch.org](mailto:youngfaith@newcastleuntitedchurch.org)

## Food Bank

Next week is the last Sunday of the Month and will be Food Bank week. Please bring any unexpired donations and leave on the front pew on the north wall. Monetary Donations also gratefully accepted. Thank you.

## **Visioning 200**

It was moved that the Official Board strike a committee to conduct a revisioning exercise, led by Rev. Ransom, and consisting of representation as follows: 2 members from the Search Committee, 2 members from Session, one member from Stewards and 2 from the congregation at large. Vision 200 Team will meet this coming Wednesday evening Oct 23, at 7 pm. If you wish to join, please come out or let Rev Bryan know your interests in joining the team.

## **Bazaar & Silent Auction**

As we prepare for our bazaar on Nov. 16, we are looking for contributions such as baking, preserves, gently used household and Christmas items and jewelry. We will also have a silent auction from Nov. 3 to Nov. 16. All donations can be left in the hall, but please mark that they're for the bazaar!

One of the key aspects of our bazaar on Nov. 16 is our silent auction. We can only make this happen with contributions from you. Do you have unused Christmas presents from last year, other very gently used gifts or household items, antiques that you need to clear out of your house? Please consider donating them to our silent auction. We'll need these items by Nov. 1, clearly marked for our bazaar, and left in our church hall. Thank you! And in the meantime, please keep baking and sorting!

## **Church Calendars for 2025**

Please see Donna (Scott) if you are interested in ordering a 2025 church Calendar.

## **Volunteers**

Salvation Army Kettle Program- Heather Griffin is looking for people willing to take 2 hour shifts with the Newcastle Kettle Program from mid November up to Christmas at Foodland and the LCBO. All money raised is returned to our community to run their programs. Contact Heather at 905-440-0038 if you would like to be scheduled to help.

## **Crock Pot Dinners**

Due to some confusion, Crock Pot Dinners will be served at 4:30!! We hope we can see you at the next dinner. Sign up sheets are on the board by the office. Oct 28th, Nov 4th and 18th.

## **Girl Guide Cookies!**



The Minty Girl Guide cookies are back. Both Mint and Chocolate/Vanilla are available. See Lynne in the office.

## **Pastor Appreciation Month**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. You will see a note card in your bulletin. Please take a moment to leave some kind words to Rev Bryan. You can sign your card or leave it anonymous. There will be a box to drop it in. We will leave the box until next week, and will share the cards with him after next week's service. You can also email Lynne at [office@newcastleunitedchurch.org](mailto:office@newcastleunitedchurch.org), if you cannot get in to get a card.

**Contacting Rev. Bryan Ransom directly**

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**Book the Hall**

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[nucetransfer@gmail.com](mailto:nucetransfer@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](mailto:treasurer@newcastleunitedchurch.org)

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

*Stewardship Second. . . . . October 20th*

*Knowledge defines all we currently know and understand; imagination points to all we might yet discover and create. —Albert Einstein*



## **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 161**

**vv. 1-3**

**“I Have Called You By Name”**

**I have called you by your name, you are mine;**

**I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.**

**I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.**

**You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.**

**I will help you learn my name as you go;**

**read it written in my people, help them grow.**

**Pour the water in my name,**

**speak the word your soul can claim,**

**offer Jesus' body given long ago.**

**I know you will need my touch as you go;**

**feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.**

**Like the woman reaching out,**

**choosing faith in spite of doubt,**

**hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.**

## **Conversation Time**

**Hymn: MV 161**

**v. 4**

**“I Have Called You By Name”**

**I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

Words and music: Daniel Charles Damon

**Reflection: "Have We Forgotten"**

**Ministry of Music "Christ Taught Us Of a Farmer"**

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette Tune: The Church's One Foundation

**Mission and Service**

***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**

**\*Hymn: MV 90 (sung twice)**

**v 1**

**“Don’t Be Afraid”**

**Don't be afraid.**

**My love is stronger,  
my love is stronger than your fear.**

**Don't be afraid.**

**My love is stronger and I have promised,  
promised to be always near.**

**Words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule Music: John L. Bell**

**\*Closing Hymn: VU 271**

**vv. 1-5**

**“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”**

***\*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**

# Weekend Breakfast fun!

