



*Everybody is
Somebody, in the
Body of Christ*

NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

October 6th, 2024 10:30 am

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Welcome!

Worldwide Communion Day

“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) “I've Got Peace Like a River”

(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: We were created in relationship and for relationship.

A: We are created for community!

L: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

A: We are created for community!

L: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

A: We are created for community!

L: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

A: We are created for community!

(<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-19-world-communion-october-3/>)

***Opening Hymn: VU #395**
“Come In, Come In And Sit Down”

vv. 1-4

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

O God of all creation, you alone are God.

And you alone, can satisfy our longing and be our support that earth cannot give and that heaven will not take away. Help us, in recognition of our common dependence on you, to acknowledge our need of one another. Let the oneness of our worship make us one in love and service. Amen.

(The Worship Sourcebook, S.1.4.2)

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

Scripture Reading

New Testament 1Corinthians 12:12-31

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 #145**

vv. 1-2

“Draw The Circle Wide”

Chorus

Draw the circle wide,

Draw it wider still.

**Let this be our song,
no one stands alone,
standing side by side
draw the circle wide.**

**1 God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms..... CHORUS**

**2 Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call..... CHORUS**

Conversation Time

***Hymn: MV #145**

v. 3

“Draw The Circle Wide”

**3 Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door..... CHORUS**

Words and music: Gordon Light, 1994; Arrangement: Michael Bloss, 1998

Reflection

Ministry of Music “We Gather Here”

Words & Music: Bryan Jeffery Leech

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

Invitation To The Table

L: Some people come from towns we have trouble pronouncing, others have walked across the street; some gather with strangers, others are with old friends and family; some hold the bread with trembling hands, others pass the cup with a strong grip; some need to taste hope and grace, others long for a community which welcomes them with open arms.

And all, all of us, are welcomed to this Table and every Table where the Holy Meal is celebrated this day.

For this is not the clergy's table, this is not the church's table; this is God's Table, and God turns no one away.

Come, people of God; come and taste the goodness of the Lord.

***Communion Hymn: VU # 467**
"One Bread, One Body"

vv. 1-3

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: May the God of all be with you!

A: May that God be with you, as well!

Announcements

Sunday October 6th, 2024

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

Today's Greeters are Ray and Rosanne Watts

Scripture and Announcements Reader is Nathan Blesse.

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 Ministry and Personnel

UCW Meeting Change

Next UCW meeting will be Oct 7th instead of the 14th.

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 7th and 28th,
Nov 4th and 18th.**

Key Chains



There are still lots of 200th Anniversary Key Chains available. They are in the office. \$5 each. See Lynne during the week, or on Sunday. Marie or Marlene have some as well.

Choir Rehearsals



We will continue this week, on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. If you are not currently in the choir, but love singing, please come out and join us.

REJUVENATION, REJOYING & REPARATION – Women’s Retreat

ECORC is sponsoring a REJUVENATION, REJOYING & REPARATION Women’s Retreat from Oct 8th – 10th near Burleigh Falls, ON. For information, fees and registration, see <https://ecorcuccan.ca/event/rejuvenation-rejoycing-reparation/>

200th Anniversary Events

Concert Announcement—TONIGHT!!!!

Tonight is our concert with Meredith Cutting! We hope to see you there!!

Breakfast and The Beatles!

October 12th, Newcastle UC will be hosting a breakfast by Gus (from Massey House). Featured will be The MapleBeats. They are a fabulous group playing Beatles songs. Come have breakfast and a bit of dancing to a great band. Doors open at 8:00. Breakfast starts at 8:30. Band will play from 9:45 to 10:30. Tickets from Myno or Lynne, \$20 each

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

Stewardship Second..... October 6th

Each time we invest in any of God's children, we welcome Christ in our midst.

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

L: We will join our hearts with all of God's people,
offering them to the God who loves us.

A: God fills our hearts, our lives, with overflowing grace.

L: With voices in every tongue, of every faith,
we will sing our praises to God.

A: We offer glory and thanksgiving to our God.

L: God of seeds and soil, your feast begins long before a morsel of
food touches our lips. You begin with dirt and dust, with water and sun:
ingredients that you supplied from the very beginning, knowing we
would be hungry, understanding that we would be thirsty.

You nourish us and provide for us before breathing life into us. You, O
Great Creator, started providing your gifts for us from the very
beginning. You began this feast in the soil with your hands, and for
that, we give you thanks.

**A: God of grain and grapes, you continued preparing for the feast
by sending your son, Jesus Christ. You sent him to feed us; by
his words and deeds, through his death and resurrection, he
became the bread of life and the wine of compassion. Christ is
the one who gathers us in, who calls each of us by name, who
sets a place for us.**

L: For the invitation,
for the nourishment,
and for Jesus Christ,
we give you thanks.

God of wheat and wine, long after your son first gathered his friends
around a table in an upper room, your Holy Spirit has continued
meeting us at tables:

hand-crafted tables painted with intricate designs

and weathered park benches that serve as a place to eat when needed; tables that are covered with homemade casseroles and tables with quickly opened fast food bags being passed around; tables that are surrounded by friends and families and tables where only one seat is filled. No matter what each table looks like, what food that is served, or who the people are that gather around it, your Spirit meets us still. For your ever-present Spirit, O God, we give you thanks. God of second helpings, you promise abundance. Like a mother who heaps another spoonful onto our already full plates, you give more than we need. Yet, despite your generosity, there are those whose bellies are still empty, and those whose thirst is never quenched.

A: As we celebrate your joyful feast today with our siblings in Christ around the world, we are aware that no amount of singing can hide the sound of grumbling stomachs and parched throats. Help us to trust in your promises. As we eat this bread and drink this cup, may we trust that there is enough to go around. Keep us from hoarding what you have provided so that all of your children might taste and, drink and be satisfied.

L: God of tables and chairs, we pray for all eating spaces around the world today, where believers are gathering despite risk and suffering. We pray for chairs that are empty where loved ones used to sit: for tables in places of conflict where bullets fly and bombs rain down; for spaces that have been ravaged by hurricanes, floods and fires. We also pray for eating spaces that are emotionally unsafe this day: tables where tensions are high and certain topics are off limits; placemats that are not set for someone because of the way they look, who they voted for or who they love. For all these spaces, tables and chairs where your children gather, Lord, we pray for your peace.

Gracious God, we offer our thanks,
for the whole communion of saint's witness to this feast,
and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us
today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet
to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the
proclamation of your Kingdom.

At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise,
children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together
into the world as servants of your peace.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/PGW16-World-Communion-Sunday-Worship-resource.pdf>

God of the joyful feast, today in the north and the south, in the east and
the west, we are grateful as we meet you around tables full of gifts you
have given us. Continue to pour out your Spirit upon us so that when
the meal is over and we leave this table, we might be a part of
extending every table around the world. Help every meal we share
look more and more like your heavenly feast; everyone welcomed,
everyone fed, and everyone nourished. In the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord, we make this our ministry in your name.

by [Molly Spangler](#)

**A: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all, God of each. All creation
everywhere joins in praising you. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who calls us to the Table of life. Hosanna in
the highest!**

L: As we gather in grand churches and in open fields,
as we feast on the finest bread, and drink from crystal cups, we join
our sisters and brothers in every place, proclaiming the mystery:

**A: Jesus died, so we might know the depths of love;
Jesus was raised, so we might know the strength of love;
Jesus will come, so we might know God's steadfast love for us.**

L: And so may we be one with all who share this feast, on this day, of all days, with all your children at every corner of your table. May we share this abundant cup with all those who thirst for your justice. May we share this abundant bread with all those who hunger for your righteousness, May we be united with every corner of your story, united in hope, united in vision, united in purpose, united in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us from this table to be the body of Christ in all the world. Send us with a spirit of courage, a spirit of power and love, that we may be witnesses in all creation to the unending story of your word breathing life into the dust. Keep us faithful, and fruitful, and hopeful, and peaceful, until we come at last to the one table of your Kingdom, to feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, with you and with your Word, through Christ and in Christ, the one who came for us, died for us, and rose for us, the one who prays even for us

Together let us pray (**Creator who art in heaven ...**)

Sharing The Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion (In Unison)

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saint's witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as people in your promise, and of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

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***Closing Hymn: VU #582
"There's A Spirit In The Air"**

vv. 1-3 & 5, 6

****Commissioning & Benediction***

L: We will go now to share God's love with all.

A: Whether in our neighborhoods or in other places, we will care for others in God's name.

L: We will go now to join in offering the grace of Jesus to all.

A: We will join the Servant of all in seeking justice and hope for everyone.

L: We will go now, knowing we are one people in the gift of the Spirit.

A: We will bring peace to places torn apart by violence, we will help to rebuild lives damaged by fear and hate.

L: Let us go with the love of God, the Good News of Jesus and with the peace of the Holy Spirit. Amen

***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

History of World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday started in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, the church's pastor and moderator of the General Assembly, introduced the idea to foster a greater sense of unity among Christians, reflecting on the interconnectedness of all churches.

The day is marked on the first Sunday of every October and encourages congregations worldwide to celebrate the Eucharist together.

Initially named "*World Wide Communion Sunday*," the celebration was first recognized by Kerr's church and gradually gained traction in nearby congregations.

By 1936, it was adopted by the U.S. Presbyterian Church as an annual event. This movement toward church unity became more prominent when 1940 the National Council of Churches began promoting it worldwide, aiming to enhance ecumenical cooperation among Christians.

This observance now vividly reminds us of the global nature of the Christian faith. Congregations worldwide share in the sacraments of bread and wine to demonstrate their spiritual connectedness and commitment to peace and unity.

This day is a reflection on the global Christian identity, transcending cultural and denominational boundaries.

<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/world-communion-sunday/>