



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

September 1, 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

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) "O Perfect Love"

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,
May Christ's Light brighten our spirits that we may be Christ's light for others.

***Call To Worship**

L: As summer wanes and autumn days draw closer,
A: from our rest come opportunities to follow you.

L: Our hearts refreshed in You, engage our faith to help reveal your goodness and to help us praise your presence.

A: Jesus help us set aside some of our expectations to receive your gift of unconditional acceptance.

L: Living Spirit, warm our hearts so we can worship you.

A: We open our hearts to receive God's direction for our living. AMEN.

(By Nancey Townley modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

***Opening Hymn: VU 412
"This Is The Day"**

vv. 1-4

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

**Creator of space and time, you are here in this place and in our midst; We praise You, not just with our words and actions, but with our very being. Dwell in us more fully that we may sing to You with all of our heart; Fill us with Your joy, that we might actually delight in worshipping you; Help us to focus upon Your self-giving Love, which is above every love we have ever known, realizing that You are the source of all love. Holy One, You are here in this place and we are in your midst;
Make your love real to us as we worship in Christ's name. Amen.**

(<http://www.myredeemerlives.com/prayers.html> modified by Rev. B Ransom)

Announcements

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.

Bible Study is on hiatus until Sept 18th.

Lynne is back in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30-3, if you need to reach out.

“Coffee” Time

Because of the holiday weekend, we will not be having fellowship time this week. We will resume next week.



FundScrip

We will be putting in an order for FundScrip gift cards, on Sept 15th. Fill out the form, available in the narthex, and return to the office or Susan.

From the Stewards.....

Christmas Bazaar

Our annual bazaar is on Sat. Nov. 16! As we look forward to this date, please think of ways you can contribute, with baking, 'nearly new' items, home crafts, used jewelry and home canned items.

Heather is looking for 8 oz canning jars. If you can spare any, please deliver them to the storeroom next to our kitchen. If you need any jars, please let Heather know and she'll be happy to share. Thank you!

Corn & Hot Dogs

As we get back to our fall routines, Stewards along with help from Session, will welcome us back with a Corn and Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser. September 15th, after church. Free will offering.

Crock Pot Dinners

Crockpot Community Dinners are back! Mark the following dates on Mondays,

Sept. 30th

Oct 7th and 28th,

Nov 4th and 18th.

Sign up to contribute with food or assistance, join us for dinner! Sign up sheets soon, on the board by the office.

Cookbook

If you have a recipe for the 200th Anniversary Cookbook, please bring it to the office or to Jewel by September 15th.

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.

Official Board Meeting Change

Richard will be away for work, so the Official Board Meeting has been changed to the following week, to Sept 16th, at 7 pm.

Healing Pathway Phase 1

September 12-14, 2024, north of Bancroft.

Phase 1 is an introduction to the basic concepts of healing hands within the Christian tradition, with an emphasis on learning to be a healing presence and instrument of God's healing power. For more information reach out to.....

<https://riseaboveguesthouse.ca/healing-pathway-phase-1-introduction-to-the-healing-pathway/>

Choir Rehearsals



We will begin on Thursday, September 12th at 7:00 pm. If you are not currently in the choir, but love singing, please come out and join us.

Concert Announcement

Sunday, October 6th at 7:00 pm – Plan to attend a fun-filled concert featuring guitarist/vocalist Meredith Cutting, a wonderful entertainer! He was the "Singing Policeman" on the 'Uncle Bobby' show for 8 years and he loves to get the audience involved – singing along to familiar songs by composers such as Gordon Lightfoot, Johnny Cash, John Denver & many others. He's also a terrific storyteller. Freewill offering.

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

Scripture Readings:

New Testament Mark 7:1-8, 14-15 & 21-23

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 324**

vv. 1-5

“Jesus Come To Our Hearts”

Reflection: “Straight From The Heart”

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 378**

vv. 1-4

“Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

****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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Stewardship Second. September 1st

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Let us share both wisely.

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Newcastle United Church

Service will begin streaming at 10:30



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