



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

September 22, 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) “In the Garden”

Words & Music by C. Austin Miles Arr. John Purifoy

*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: Come into This place with joyful hearts to give thanks and praise to the One who calls us by name.

A: Holy One, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the abundant gifts we have received from You. Creator your presence is intertwined in every moment of our existence.

L: Today we open ourselves again to the gift of life you have promised all of creation. We offer You our praise for all we have received and wait expectantly listening for the refreshing Word of Your Holy Spirit.

A: Lord of life, we long to be known by you. Plant us in your rich deep soil where our roots can grow deep in your Holy Mystery of love.

L: Come and worship in Christ's name.

***Opening Hymn: VU 409
"Morning Has Broken"**

vv. 1-3

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Creator, thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives. Thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us . Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us when we don't thank you enough for who you are, for all you do, and for all you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you, afresh. Renew our spirits, and fill us with your peace and joy. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen. - by Debbie McDaniel

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

Scripture Reading

From The Hebrew Text (Old Testament)

Genesis 3:8-10

Announcements

Sunday September 22nd, 2024

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

Today's Greeters are Dorothy Stapleton and Debbie Dunham

Scripture Reader is Roy Watts.

Bible Study will be Wednesday at 11 am.

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.

Orange Shirt Day-Sept 29th

A special service will happen on Sept 29th called Orange Shirt Day to honour the victims who were placed in the Canadian residential school system. The history was uncovered as to how this part of our history evolved and was revealed through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Individuals are encouraged to wear something orange on Sept 29th to show our solidarity and commitment to the Indigenous communities as outlined through the Truth and Reconciliation report called "The 94 Calls To Action". The report was

accepted by the Federal Government and set into motion in June of 2015.

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!

Crock Pot Dinners

Crockpot Community Dinners are back! Mark the following dates of 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.

UCW Meeting Change

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

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.

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.

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.

ECORC Commissioners

East Central Ontario Regional Council will elect 14 commissioners as well as a slate of alternates (up to 5) to represent the Regional Council at the 45th General Council meeting. The 45th General Council of The United Church of Canada will meet in-person on August 7-12, 2025 in Calgary, AB. General Council Commissioners are voting members of the General Council meeting and serve as commissioners for three (3) years. You will need to attend an online “meet and greet” session on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 7pm where you will have the opportunity to introduce

yourself to the ECORC members and tell them why you would like to be a GC45 commissioner. For more information see <https://ecorcuccan.ca/gc45-commissioners/>

ECORC Volunteers

The nominations team of the East Central Ontario Regional Council welcomes expressions of interest for volunteers for three different areas at this time – the following positions are available:

- * Council of Elders (1 name)
- * Formation, Nurture and Justice Team (3 names)
- * Nominations Team (2 names)

Reach out to <https://ecorcuccan.ca/2024-expression-of-interest-for-volunteers-september/> if you are interested. Elections will occur at the fall meeting of the Regional Council on November 16, 2024. The deadline is October 1 at 11:59 pm. We thank you for your interest.

Stewardship Second. September 15th

We are all recipients of the gifts others have made. May we all be givers, too.

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 135**

vv. 1-3

“Called By Earth And Sky”

CHORUS

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

**1 Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again. CHORUS**

**2 Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace. CHORUS**

**3 Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song. CHORUS**

Conversation Time

***Hymn: MV 135**

v. 4

“Called By Earth And Sky”

**Precious the fire that lights the way,
bright dawning day.**

**Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one.**

CHORUS

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.
called by earth and sky.**

Words and Music: Pat Mayberry

Reflection:

Ministry of Music “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Music: Welsh folk melody Words: Fred Pratt Green

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 589 vv. 1-4**

“Lord Speak To Me”

****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 “Great Is the Lord”

Words & Music by Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith Arr. Lee Evans

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