

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 10 am

Third Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land:

As we gather, we acknowledge that we meet and live on the traditional territories of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People. We give thanks for their care for the land over thousands of years and for their deep spirituality and honouring of the Creator and the creation. May we live with respect in God's creation and in harmony with our neighbours.

Music as We Centre

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU409

“Morning Has Broken”

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Life, and Work of the Community

Prayer of Approach:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

All **O Lord, who has taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

Please remain seated

First Lesson: Psalm 139:1-16

Matt Kraft

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

- ¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

- ⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

- ¹¹ If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

Please remain seated

Hymn: VU562

“Jesus Calls Us”

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'
- 2 Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'

5 Jesus calls us: by your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all. < >

Young at Heart Time:

“April Fool”

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 3:4-10

Matt Kraft

⁴Then the LORD called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here I am!’ ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, ‘Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’ ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’

Responses:

Reader Serve the Lord with gladness!

All Come into his presence with singing!

Reader Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

All Give thanks to him, bless his name!

Reader For the Lord is good;

**All his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Please remain seated

Meditation:

“The Sound of Silence”

Music for Meditation

We Receive the Offering

Please stand for the Offering Hymn

Doxology: VU541 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One < >

Dedication of Our Gifts

Hymn: MV173 "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

Put peace into each other's hands
And like a treasure hold it;
Protect it like a candle flame,
With tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands
With loving expectation;
Be gentle in your words and ways,
In touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands,
Like bread we break for sharing;
Look people warmly in the eye:
Our life is meant for caring.

Give thanks for strong yet tender hands,
Held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fall short, let hands speak out
The heights of love expressing.

Reach out in friendship,
Stay with faith in touch with those around you.
Put peace into each other's hands;
The Peace that sought and found you. < >

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Song: "Bridge Over Troubled Water"

When you're weary, feeling small
When tears are in your eyes, I'll dry them all
I'm on your side, oh when times are rough
And friends just can't be found

Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down

When you're down and out, when you're on the street
When evening falls so hard I will comfort you
I'll take your part oh when darkness comes
And pain is all around
Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down

Sail on silver girl said on by
Your time has come to shine all your dreams on their way
See how they shine oh If you need a friend
I'm sailing right behind
Like a bridge over troubled water I will ease your mind
Like a bridge over trouble water I will ease your mind < >

Commissioning & Benediction

Music as the Worship Service Concludes

Regional Council Prayer Cycle

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world for the week of April 14th, 2024

Brighton:Trinity-St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge
Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church, Brighton
[*East Central Ontario Regional Council*]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for April 14th

Duty	Dave Thom
Elevator	Carrie Varga
Greeters	Ken Nash, John Taylor Gale Osmond, Bruce Newmaster
Scripture Reader	Matt Kraft
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/AI Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Coffee Fellowship	Finance Committee
Coffee Fellowship (May)	Pastoral Care

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD BANK SUNDAY- is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We invite you to bring items to support Kawartha Food Share. Boxes are located in Upper Wright Hall and back foyer [*exit to parking lot*]. If you wish to make a cash donation instead, we ask that you place money in a separate envelope clearly marked as “*Donation to Kawartha Food Share*” also include your name or envelope number. **Please make cheques payable to: “Northminster United Church”**. This can be placed on the offering plate. **This Sunday, April 14th**. We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: treasurernuc@gmail.com

OUR NURSERY FOR OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN is along the main corridor across from the kitchen.

WE WOULD LOVE IT IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING:

Greeters, elevator operators and Sunday Duty persons. If you are not already on our volunteer list, please consider helping out. If you could spare one Sunday every 4 or 5 weeks. Please contact the office.

“VIDEO SLIDESHOW OPERATORS” & “AUDIO TECH” required. We are looking for more people to sign up to help with Sunday video & sound. No previous experience required and you will be trained. To find out more information please call the office.

OFFERING ENVELOPES ... please contact Michele in the office to let her know you require offering envelopes. Email: info@northminster.ca or Tel. # 705-748-4881.

NAME TAGS: If you need a name tag, please contact the office for one. I would be happy to make you one. Also stick on name tags are available, located on the table at the back of the church and on table at west entrance into Sanctuary.

GRACE BUCK INCOME TAX SERVICE will be preparing Income Tax returns again this year at Northminster. Scheduled date is: **April 23, 2024** For further information please call 705-745-4303

Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 **OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING** at 7 p.m. in Upper Wright Hall.