

## **NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

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Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 10 am

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### ***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

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We Welcome the Praise Band

#### **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:**        *"Here I am to Worship"* (Praise Band)

**Lighting the Christ Candle:** Honouring the Importance of Identity

**Life, and Work of the Community**

#### **Call to Worship:**

One: Called to celebrate an Easter faith.

**All: Let us hear the call to welcome all God's people.**

One: Called to live an Easter faith.

**All: Let us live a life of faith-filled action not just words.**

One: Called to share an Easter hope as a family of faith.

**All: Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!**

One: Let us worship!

**All: Let us worship together!**

*Please stand for the Opening Hymn*

## Opening Hymn: VU412

“This is the Day”

- 1,4 This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.
- 2 Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;  
we will go in, we will go in,  
to your holy place, to your holy place.  
Open to us your gates, O God,  
we will go in to your holy place.  
Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God.
- 3 You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,  
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, we will praise your name,  
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name.

## Opening Prayer

### Words of Assurance:

One: The promise of an Easter faith tells us the Holy loves and cherishes each one of us for who we are and all that we may become.

**All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, we live our Easter faith.**

**Music for Meditation:** “A Force in My Life” (Praise Band)

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 John 4:7-21 *Alex Brunton*

<sup>4:7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God’s love

was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**Young at Heart Time:** *"Charlie Sorts Some Things Out"*

*Please remain seated*

**Hymn: AGCS66** "This Little Light of Mine" (Led by Praise Band)

- 1 This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.
- 2 Hide it under a bushel [NO]  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel [NO]  
I'm gonna let it shine

Hide it under a bushel [NO]  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

3 Don't let anyone "whiff" [blow] it out.  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Don't let anyone "whiff" [blow] it out.  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Don't let anyone "whiff" [blow] it out.  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

4 Let it shine in my hometown.  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine in my hometown.  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine in my hometown  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

5 See the light spreading round the world  
See all the faces shine.  
See the light spreading round the world  
See all the faces shine  
See the light spreading round the world  
See all the faces shine  
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine < >

**Gospel Lesson:** John 15:1-8

*Alex Brunton*

<sup>15:1</sup> 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,

ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

**All: may we hear the stories from our faith history that inspire us to embrace the promise and new life shared with us as we live and love together in a resurrection faith.**

Reader: In the name of the Risen Jesus...

**All: Amen.**

**Music for Meditation:** "Faith of Our Faiths" (Praise Band)

**Meditation:** "Identify"

**Music for Meditation:** "Your Grace is Enough" (Praise Band)

*Please stand for the New Creed*

### **The New Creed**

One: Let us join together in a statement of our communal faith...

**All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and  
others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Hymn: VU266** "Amazing Grace" (Led by Praise Band)

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
this word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun. < >

### **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**

#### **Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer**

#### **Music for Meditation**

(Praise Band)

*Please stand for the Closing Hymn*

#### **Closing Hymn: VU586**

“We Shall Go Out”

- 1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;

we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life in Christ.

- 2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
expressive love alive in every heart.  
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in  
grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,  
including all in circles of our love. < >

### **Blessing as We Go Forth:**

One: Let us go from this place knowing the Resurrection  
Promise of the Holy.

**All: We go in celebration.**

One: Let us go from this place living the Resurrection  
Promise of the Holy.

**All: We go in love.**

One: Let us go from this place sharing the Resurrection  
Promise of the Holy.

**All: We go in hope and peace.**

One: Let us go in peace.

**All: Peace be with us! Amen!**

**Irish Blessing**

(Praise Band)

**Music as the Worship Service Concludes**

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Worship Service**

**NEW TIME  
10:30 a.m.**



## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Rawdon-Springbrook Pastoral Charge**  
**Springbrook United Church, Marmora**  
[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

### ***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for April 28<sup>th</sup>***

Duty	John Tewsley
Elevator	Wayne Doherty
Greeters	Debbie & Martin Noakes Wayne Ferguson
Scripture Reader	Alex Brunton
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/AI Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Jim Boothby
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. **Next date: May 12<sup>th</sup>**. We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: [treasurernuc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurernuc@gmail.com)

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



**OFFERING ENVELOPES** ... please contact Michele in the office to let her know you require offering envelopes. Email: [info@northminsteruc.ca](mailto:info@northminsteruc.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.

**TUESDAY COFFEE HOUR** is returning on **May 7<sup>th</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Each Tuesday 10:00 am to 11:00 am. (Cancelled on May 14<sup>th</sup> due to building repairs)

**COFFEE CUPBOARD** is starting to get low. We would appreciate any donations of coffee. Once Tuesday Coffee Hour begins we will go through coffee much quicker.

We are pleased to be able to have the Beavers have a "Sleepover" at the church on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be sleeping in the Upper Wright Hall. The Beavers planted pansies in our front flower beds.

**The church building will be closed to walk ins on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> due to necessary repairs.**

**CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIME** beginning Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> thru and including Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. for a trial period.

## *Church Volunteers*



**We would love to hear from you....**

**We require more greeters, scripture readers, elevator operator, duty person, videographers, audio & video techs.**