

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 10 am

Second 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: VU211 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

- 2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,

who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity. < >

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: The Holy calls us to celebrate the gift of Resurrection!

All: Open our eyes, Blessed One that we may see you.

One: The Holy calls us to a relationship of faith and love
together.

**All: Open our hearts, Blessed One that we may know your
presence.**

One: Let us worship God.

All: Let us worship together.

Opening Prayer

God of resurrection,
you have rolled the stone away
and the tomb of our world has been opened wide.
With the dawn has come a new creation.
Let our celebration today
empty our tombs,
renew our lives,
and release your power;
through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

One: As we live out our journey of faith each day, know that we are not alone. That God walks beside us each moment of the way. Help us to see and know your love, O God.

All: **We are loved. We are forgiven. We are blessed.**

Please remain seated

First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

Ruth Murray

32:35 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Responsive Selection: VU786

(from Psalm 67)

Led by Ruth Murray

Refrain

Henry Thomas Smart 1867

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Let the peo - ples praise you, God, let the na - tions shout their joy.

One Be gracious unto us, O God, and bless us;
and let the light of your face shine upon us,

All **that your ways may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

One Let the nations be glad, and sing for joy,

All **for you judge the peoples righteously
and guide the nations of the earth.**

One The earth has yielded its harvest,
and you, our God, have blessed us.

All **Your blessing, O God, be upon us.**

May all the ends of the earth revere you. R

Please remain seated

Hymn: VU367

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

- 1 Come down, O love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing.
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, my onward path illuming.
- 3 And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till love creates the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling. < >

Young at Heart Time: *“Tea leaves, Eclipses and a Promise”*

Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31

Ruth Murray

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

^{20:19} When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and

stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Responses:

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.**

Please remain seated

Meditation: *"L'chaim-To Life"*

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: VU341 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

- 2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
 robed in the blooming garb of spring;
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
 who makes the troubled heart to sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
 and fair the twinkling, starry host;
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
 than all the angels heaven can boast.
- 4 All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,
 wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
 none can be nearer, fairer or dearer
 than thou, my Saviour, art to me. < >

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU642

“Be Thou My Vision”

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
 naught be all else to me save that thou art,
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
 I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
 thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
 thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
 be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
 thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
 raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
 thou mine inheritance, now and always;
 thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
 great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 still be my vision, O ruler of all. < >

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us leave here knowing that we are loved bountifully by God.

All: Let us go knowing that we are a new creation.

One: Let us go claiming the fullness of Life that God wants for us. Let us go in peace.

All: Let us go in love. Amen!

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 7th, 2024

Arden Pastoral Charge

**Arden United Church, Henderson United Church
Mountain Grove United Church**

[*East Central Ontario Regional Council*]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for April 7th

Duty	Nelson Pickett
Elevator	Gale Osmond
Greeters	Carol & Jack Murduff
	Mary Hess Northey
Scripture Reader	Ruth Murray
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/Al Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	
Coffee Fellowship	Finance Committee
Coffee Fellowship May)	Pastoral Care

Michele will be preparing a new Volunteer list.

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: 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@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.

GRACE BUCK INCOME TAX SERVICE will be preparing Income Tax returns again this year at Northminster.

Scheduled dates are: April 9 & 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.