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10th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome, Celebrations, Life, and Work of the Community

Opening Hymn: VU660

“How Firm a Foundation”

- 1 How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.
- 3 'When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

- 4 'When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.
- 5 'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!'

Call to Worship:

One: The Holy calls us to transformation.

All: Transformation of what?

One: The Holy calls us to clean house.

All: Why?

One: The Holy calls us to worship. Let us worship.

All: Let us worship together.

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: Through the Spirit of Pentecost, we hear the call to faith.

**All: A faith that reminds us we are loved and cherished,
while challenging us to share that love.**

One: In the name of Jesus...

All: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

(Carol Doherty)

- ^{5:1} I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
- ² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.
- ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me

and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;

he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;

righteousness
but heard a cry!

Psalm Selection: VU794, Part 2

from Psalm 80

(Led by Carol Doherty)

Refrain: Your face, God, shine on us and give us peace.

One Shepherd of Israel, hear us,

**All you who lead Joseph like a flock,
you who are enthroned amidst the cherubim.**

One Shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh;

All stir up your might, come and save us. R

One You brought a vine out of Egypt,
you drove out the nations and planted it.

**All You cleared the ground for it;
it sank deep roots, and filled the land.**

One The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.

**All It stretched out its branches as far as the Sea,
and its shoots as far as the River.**

One Why then have you broken down its enclosure,
so that all who go by pluck its grapes?

**All The boar from the forest roots it up,
and the beasts of the field devour it. R**

One Turn to us again, God of hosts, look down from heaven and
see.

**All Bestow your care on this vine,
on the stock which your right hand planted.**

One As for those who set it on fire, who cut it down,
may they perish at the frown of your face.

**All Let your hand rest on the one by your side,
on the one you have made strong for yourself.**

One Then we will never forsake you;

All give us life, and we will call on your name. R

Young at Heart Time:

"Monsters Under the Bed"

Hymn: VU436

"Abide with Me"

- 1 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O Christ, who changes not, abide with me.
- 3 I need your presence every passing hour;
what but your grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like yourself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- 4 I have no fear with you at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?
I triumph still, if you abide with me.

5 Hold now your cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:49-56

(Carol Doherty)

12:49 "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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 faith.

Reader: In the name of Jesus...

All: ...Amen.

Meditation:

"Off the Bus"

Music for Meditation

The New Creed:

One: Let's share together in the New Creed:

**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.**

Hymn: VU677 (Tune 421)

“O God of Every Nation”

- 1 O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation
with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.
- 2 From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray.
- 3 Give strength to those who labour
that all may find release
from fear of rattling sabre,
from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter,

your still small voice be heard:
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.

- 4 Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division,
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when peace on earth shall reign
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts

Dedication of Our Gifts

A Minute for Local Mission:

*Bruce Newmaster
“Habitat for Humanity Re-Store”*

Habitat ReStores are non-profit home improvement and building supply stores that accept and resell quality new and gently-used building materials, furniture, appliances, and home décor items. Shopping at a Habitat ReStore is a socially conscious decision, as funds generated are used to fund local Habitat for Humanity homebuilding projects in your community. It's also an environmentally conscious decision, as much of what is sold, is a new product, gently-used items that would otherwise end up in a landfill.

Each of the three ReStores in the Peterborough and Kawartha Region has its distinctive inventory of items, which changes daily as new items are donated by residents and businesses. You can expect to find items such as home décor, windows, doors, paint, furniture, hardware, lumber, tools, lighting fixtures, and appliances. Every purchase creates the opportunity for a better life – a good deal for you, your community, and the environment!

100% of our operational costs are paid for by funds raised through our Habitat ReStores.

The three Kawartha locations are: 300 Milroy Drive in the north end of Peterborough; 550 Braidwood Avenue in the south end of Peterborough; and 55 Angeline Street in Lindsay.

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer:

(a Paraphrase VU916)

One: Let us share together in a paraphrase of the Jesus Prayer...

**All: Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: VU708

“My Lord, What a Morning”

R My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning
when the stars begin to fall.

1 You'll hear the trumpet sound
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. R

2 You'll hear the sinner cry
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. R

3 You'll hear the Christian shout
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. R

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: As our time together comes to an end this day...

**All: ...the Spirit of the Creator stirs us to live faithfully
and love openly as we follow the call of the Holy.**

One: As we journey together with each other and our Creator,
may our reflections and discussions transform our actions
and attitudes as we live and love together in faith.

All: In the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen and Amen!

Music as We Depart

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 August 14, 2022

**Cambridge Street Pastoral Charge
Cambridge Street United Church, Lindsay**

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS-August 14

Duty	<i>Dave Sherwin</i>
Elevator	<i>Elgin Northey</i>
Ushers/Greeters	<i>tba</i> <i>tba</i>
Scripture Reader	<i>Carol Doherty</i>
Congregational Elder	<i>Mary Hess Northey</i>
Sound	<i>Bill VanTol / Alex Brunton</i>
Video	<i>Ron Kervin/Nelson Pickett</i>
Videographer	<i>Kathy Common</i>
Coffee Fellowship	<i>Property [August]</i>
Minutes for Mission	<i>Bruce Newmaster</i>

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 in a separate envelope clearly marked with your name or envelope number and clearly marked "*Donation to Kawartha Food Share*" This can be placed on offering plate. Thank you for your generous support! Next date: August 14th.

REQUEST FOR COFFEE DONATIONS...thank you to everyone who so generously donates to our coffee cupboard, it is so greatly appreciated.

COFFEE VOLUNTEERS required for Sunday mornings. Thank you to everyone who has signed up thus far, however we are still in need for more volunteers. The sign-up sheet is located on bulletin boards beside Rev Kevin's office.

NAME TAGS, we ask that you wear your name tags on Sundays, if you do not have a name tag, please contact the office. 705-748-4881.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to help out, please let us know. Please contact the church office or fill out a "Gift & Talent" form [*printed on blue paper*] found on bulletin board beside Rev Kevin's office.

NORTHMINSTER ANNUAL FALL ROUND-UP BARBEQUE being held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022

5 pm to 6:30 pm
Rain or Shine

TICKETS:

4 yrs – 11 yrs \$3.00
12 yrs and up \$10.00

Available each Sunday following worship service
or from the office during the week.

Limit of 100 tickets available

OUR DAILY BREAD September-October-November 2022 issue is now available. Booklets are "*free*".