

## NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, June 16, 2024 at 10:30 am

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*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

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### 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:** Honouring the Stories of Our Faith

*Please stand for the Opening Hymn*

**Opening Hymn: VU262** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper sure amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing:  
for still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
with power and malice great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth he has no equal.
- 2 Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,

the man of God's own choosing:  
dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
the truth to triumph through us:  
the prince of darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo! his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through Christ, who with us sideth:  
let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,  
God's kingdom is for ever. < >

## **Life, and Work of the Community**

### **Call to Worship:**

One: The Holy calls us to enter into the stories of our faith.

**All: We listen for the stories and their meaning to us today.**

One: The Holy calls us to share our own stories of faith.

**All: That sharing strengthens the bonds of our faith family and inspires us to live and love actively in the communities of which we are a part.**

One: Let us worship!

**All: Let us worship together!**

### **Opening Prayer**

## Words of Assurance:

One: The promise of a Pentecost driven faith inspires us to live and love together in this complex world in which we find ourselves.

**All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, we can be a transformative presence in Creation.**

**Old Testament Lesson:** 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13 *Gord James*

<sup>15:34</sup> Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup> Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

<sup>16</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’ <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.’ And the LORD said, ‘Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.”’ <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.’ <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’ <sup>5</sup> He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.’ <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.’ <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the LORD chosen this one.’ <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the LORD chosen this one.’ <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The LORD has not chosen any of these.’ <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had

beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**Psalm Selection: VU810** (from Psalm 92) *Led by Gord James*

Refrain

*J. Leavitt's Christian Lyre 1831*

It is good to sing your praises

and to thank you, O Most High.

- One It is good to give you thanks, O God,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
- All to tell of your love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness during the night,**
- One with a ten-stringed lute and harp,  
with voice and lyre together.
- All For you, O God, have made me glad by your work;  
I shout for joy at the works of your hands. R**
- One The just shall flourish like the date-palm  
and increase like the cedars of Lebanon.
- All Planted in God's house,  
they will flourish in the courts of our God.**
- One In old age they still produce fruit,  
thriving and full of vigour.
- All They will show that God is just;  
God, our rock, in whom there is no wrong. R**

*Please remain seated*

**Hymn: VU296****"This Is God's Wondrous World"**

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is God's wondrous world:  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.
- 3 This is God's wondrous world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:  
God reigns, let earth be glad! < >

**Young at Heart Time:***"The New Coach"***Gospel Lesson:** Mark 4:26-34*Gord James*

<sup>4:26</sup> He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

<sup>30</sup> He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest

of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup> he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his 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 Pentecost inspired faith.**

Reader: In the name of the Jesus, the Christ...

**All: Amen.**

**Meditation:**

*“So the Story Goes”*

**Music for Meditation**

*Please stand for the New Creed*

**The New Creed**

VU918

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.**

**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**

**A Minute for Mission:** “Connecting for Global Peace and Security”  
*Read by Gord James*

Project Ploughshares is a Canadian peace research institute with a focus on disarmament efforts and international security. It is also one of our dedicated Mission and Service partners. Project Ploughshares’ important efforts come with many barriers, including discouragement, pushback, and regular exposure to mentally draining work.

Duncan Etches started his journey with Project Ploughshares as a supporter. When he saw an opportunity to be The United Church of Canada representative on the management committee, he felt it was time to step into the key role. He comments on how wise and inspirational the whole team is, sharing that “they keep hope in impossible situations.”

Project Ploughshares includes people from diverse backgrounds who are all deeply committed to making the world a better place. Rooted in the ethics of Christianity—peace, reconciliation, and justice—their work connects with people inside and outside faith communities. Members are respected and invited to be part of important conversations.

Your support through Mission and Service provides encouragement and hope to leaders of Project Ploughshares, a vital connection point for those passionate about global peace and security. Thank you.

**Hymn: VU30** “Hail to God’s Own Anointed”

- 1 Hail to God's own anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, God's reign on earth begun!  
Christ comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
- 2 Christ comes with justice surely to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong,

to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious  
in his sight.

- 3 Christ shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go,  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
- 4 To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand for ever: that name to us is Love.

**Sacrament of Communion and the Jesus Prayer:**

(VU916, a paraphrase)

**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.**

*Please stand for the Closing Hymn*



## Closing Hymn: VU213

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

- 1 Rejoice the Lord is King!  
Your risen Lord adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!
- 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our sins,  
he took his seat above. R
- 3 God's kingdom cannot fail;  
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given. R
- 4 Rejoice in glorious hope,  
for Christ, the judge, shall come  
to glorify the saints  
for their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

## Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place experiencing the wind and flame  
of the Spirit of Pentecost.

**All: We go in celebration.**

One: Let us go from this place living within the Spirit of  
Pentecost.

**All: We go in love.**

One: Let us go from this place sharing the Spirit of Pentecost.

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

One: Let us go in peace.

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

## Sung Benediction:

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will be with you each hour of everyday.  
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 you with love;  
Go now in peace, in faith and 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 June 16, 2024

### **Burnt River Pastoral Charge Burnt River United Church**

*[East Central Ontario Regional Council]*

## ***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for June 16th***

Duty	John Tewsley
Elevator	Gerry Milburn
Greeters	Marion Milburn, Mary Hess Northey Ken Nash, John Taylor
Scripture Reader	Gord James
A Minute for Mission	Gord James
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/Al Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Jim Boothy
Coffee Fellowship	Christian Education
Coffee Fellowship (July)	Mission & Outreach

## 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: July 14<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. 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** has begun and will continue to June 25<sup>th</sup>. Each Tuesday 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> - **Congregational Meeting** will take place immediately following the Worship Service.

**STRAWBERRY DESSERT SUNDAY** on June 23, 2024. A volunteer list has been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. It will be a “free will” offering. If you are able, donations towards the purchase of strawberries would be greatly appreciated.

**PRIDE United 100 T-Shirts** are available to purchase from St. James’ United Church. The t-shirt was created for the people marching in the PRIDGE parade on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Anyone can purchase a t-shirt – even if you are not going to be at the parade. The cost is \$28.72. If you are interested, please speak with John Taylor, Affirm Ministry for further information or at the office. Deadline to purchase is June 21<sup>st</sup>.