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Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 10:30 am

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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 Complexity and
Simplicity of Living Faithfully

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU561

“Take Up Your Cross”

- 1 Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.
- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
- 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
nor let your foolish pride rebel;

your Saviour once accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

- 4 Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
think not till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown. < >

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: The Holy calls us to live and love faithfully.

All: That call is at the same time simple and complex.

One: The Holy walks with us as we live and love faithfully.

**All: The Holy offers us guidance and inspiration as we
live and love faithfully.**

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: Genesis 3:8-15 *Kathy Common*

^{3:8}They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' ¹⁰He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' ¹¹He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' ¹²The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals

and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.'

Psalm Selection: VU853 (Refrain 1)

(from Psalm 130)
Led by Kathy Common

Refrain 1

*Martin Luther 1524
barr. Johann Sebastian Bach 1740, alt.*



Out of the depths I cry to you, my hope is in your promise true.

One Out of the depths have I called to you.
O God, hear my cry!

All Let your ears be attentive to my plea for mercy.

One If you should keep account of what is done amiss,
O God, who could stand?

**All But there is forgiveness with you,
therefore we will honour you. R**

One I wait for you, God;
my soul waits, and in your word is my hope.

**All My soul waits for God
more than the watchers long for morning,
more than the watchers long for morning.**

One O Israel, wait in hope,
for with God there is love unending.

**All With God is great power to redeem,
to redeem you, Israel, from all your sins. R**

Please remain seated

Hymn: VU314

“Come Now, Almighty King”

- 1 Come now, almighty King,
 help us your name to sing, help us to praise;
 one God all glorious, ever victorious,
 come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come now, incarnate Son,
 your life in us begun, our prayer attend;
 come, and your people bless,
 come, give your word success;
 stablish your righteousness, Saviour and friend!
- 3 Come holy Comforter,
 your sacred witness bear in this glad hour;
 your grace to us impart, now rule in every heart,
 never from us depart, Spirit of power!
- 4 To the great One in Three,
 eternal praises be for evermore;
 your sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
 and to eternity love and adore! < >

Young at Heart Time:

“Oops!”

Gospel Lesson: Mark 3:20-35*Kathy Common*

^{3:20} and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ ²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ ‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’— ³⁰ for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' ³³ And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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:

"Family Matters"

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.

Please be seated

Hymn: VU686

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail your ways;
fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee. < >

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 Local Mission:

“Canadian Blood Services”
Read by Kathy Common

We are **Canada's Biological Lifeline**.

We are the connection between donors and patients, healthcare professionals and medical researchers. We are nationally responsible for a secure system of life essentials for transfusion and transplantation that's reliable, accessible and sustainable. Every day we work diligently to help save lives, restore health and earn the nation's trust.

Blood for Life

We collect, test and manufacture blood and blood products, including red blood cells, platelets and plasma. We provide diagnostic laboratory testing services in some provinces. And our research and development efforts yield new knowledge, processes and technologies, to ensure patients receive the best product at the right time to improve their health and well-being.

Plasma for Life

We collect plasma from unpaid donors across Canada. While we process some of this plasma to meet domestic transfusion needs, most is shipped to pharmaceutical manufacturers contracted by Canadian Blood Services to produce medications — primarily the therapies known as immunoglobulins — for patients in Canada. These medications form part of a national formulary of plasma protein and related products (PPRP) that we manage on behalf of all provinces and territories except Quebec. Most of our formulary comprises medications that we bulk-purchase from global pharmaceutical companies and

Stem Cells for Life

We operate several programs to support better outcomes for people living with the many diseases and disorders that can be treated with stem cell transplants. We collect umbilical cord blood to manufacture stem cells for our cord blood bank. We also operate a national registry of adult stem cell donors and participate in an international network of donor registries. And we provide human leukocyte antigen (HLA) typing services to

ensure the best possible matches between stem cell donors and recipients.

Organs and Tissues for Life

We manage a national transplant registry for interprovincial organ sharing, as well as related programs for donation and transplantation. Working with partners across the organ and tissue donation and transplantation (OTDT) community, Canadian Blood Services develops leading practices, supports professional education and public awareness activities, and collaborates on new ways to share data on the performance of the OTDT system in Canada. We actively support ongoing work to make organ and tissue donation policies more inclusive.

Thank you for your continued support and donations.

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU337

Blessed Assurance”

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

- R This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. R

- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. R < >

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 9, 2024

**Blackstock-Nestleton Pastoral Charge
Blackstock-Nestleton United Church**

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for June 9th

Duty	Jaymes Winch
Elevator	Paula Winch
Greeters	Gord & Olivia James Carol & Jack Murduff
Scripture Reader	Kathy Common
A Minute for Local Mission	Kathy Common
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/Al Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Lynn Bartholomew
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: June 9th**. We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: 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 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 25th. Each Tuesday 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Sunday, June 16th - **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 28th. 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 21st.



Michele will be on holidays for the week of June 10th through to June 14th. The office hours 9 am to 1 p.m. will still apply, however calling first is highly recommended to make sure someone will be at the office.