

## **NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

300 Sunset Blvd., Peterborough ON K9H 5L3

Tel. 705-748-4881

[www.northminsteruc.ca](http://www.northminsteruc.ca) Email: [info@northminsteruc.ca](mailto:info@northminsteruc.ca)

**Minister: Rev. Kevin Derry**

Email: minister@northminsteruc.ca

**Music Director: Dustin Bowers**

**Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 10 am**

---

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent & Children's Service*

---

### **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:** Remembering the Child in All of Us

**Opening Hymn: SFGP130**

“Give Me Oil in My Lamp”

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
give me oil in my lamp, I pray  
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
keep me burning till the break of day.

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the Servant King.  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna let us sing!

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising  
Keep me praising till the break of day.

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the Servant King.  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna let us sing!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving  
Keep me loving till the break of day.

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the Servant King.  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna let us sing!

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving  
Give me love in my heart, I pray  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving  
Keep me serving till the break of day.

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the Servant King.  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna let us sing! < >

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

### **Call to Worship:**

One: Let us hear the call of the Holy.

**All: Called to let the child in all of us shine through.**

One: Let us feel the call of the Holy.

**All: Called to tap into the innocence and honesty of the child in all of us.**

One: Let us respond to the call of the Holy.

**All: Called to embrace the presence of the Holy with the child in all of us.**

One: Let us worship!

**All: Let us worship together!**

### **Opening Prayer**

## **Words of Assurance:**

**One:** The Holy loves and cherishes each one of us for who we are and all that we may become.

**All:** **Through reflection and action, we heed the Lenten call to growth and rebirth.**

## **First Lesson:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>37:1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

**Hymn: AGCS32**

“The Butterfly Song”

Refrain            For you gave me a heart  
                         and you gave me a smile.  
                         You gave me Jesus and  
                         you made me your child.  
                         And I just thank you, God,  
                         For making me ‘me’.

If I were a butterfly, I’d thank you, God,  
for giving me wings.  
And if I were a robin in a tree,  
I’d thank you, God, that I could sing.  
And if I were a fish in the sea,  
I’d wiggle my tail and I’d giggle with glee, but  
I just thank you,  
God for making me ‘me’. (u-huh) R

If I were an elephant, I’d thank you, God,  
by raising my trunk.  
And if I were a kangaroo,  
you know I’d hop right up to you.  
And if I were an octopus,  
I’d thank you, God,  
For my fine looks, but  
I just thank you,  
God for making me ‘me’. (u-huh) R

**Young at Heart Time:**

*“Butterfly Wishes”*

**Gospel Lesson:** John 11:1-45

11:1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard

that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here,

my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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:** *“Water Bug Promises”*

**Music for Meditation**

**The New Creed:**

One Let us stand as we are able and join together in a statement of our communal faith...

**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.**

### **We Receive the Offering**

**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: AGCS1** "Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord!"

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!  
Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!  
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

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

**Closing Hymn: AGCS76** "Kum Ba Yah"

Kumbayah, my Lord, Kumbayah,  
Kumbayah, my Lord, Kumbayah!  
Kumbayah, my Lord, Kumbayah!  
O Lord, Kumbayah!

Someone's crying Lord, Kumbayah!  
Someone's crying Lord, Kumbayah!  
Someone's crying Lord, Kumbayah!  
O Lord, Kumbayah!

Someone's praying, Lord, Kumbayah!  
Someone's praying, Lord, Kumbayah!  
Someone's praying, Lord, Kumbayah!  
O Lord, Kumbayah!

Someone's singing, Lord, Kumbayah!  
Someone's singing, Lord, Kumbayah!  
Someone's singing, Lord, Kumbayah!  
O Lord, Kumbayah!

Come by here, my Lord, Come by here!  
Come by here, my Lord, Come by here!  
Come by here, my Lord, Come by here!  
O Lord, Kumbayah!

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

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

**All: We go in love.**

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

**All: We go in peace.**

One: Let us go in peace.

**All: Peace be with us! 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 March 26, 2022

**Cardiff United Church, Cardiff**  
**St. Mark's United Church, Bancroft**

*[East Central Ontario Regional Council]*

## 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. Thank you for your generous support!

**Next date: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Due to the rising cost of weekly offering envelopes, we are now using envelopes with no printed date/envelope #. If you currently use an envelope with a number, we will continue using that number associated with your name. If you would like us to print your envelopes with your number, we will be more than happy to do so. Please contact the office directly by telephone or send me an email letting me know who you are and I will make sure you have envelopes available with your # . **Envelopes will be placed on the table in the Narthex for pick up.**

***Always make sure either your name or envelope number is written on the envelope.***

### **LENTEN STUDY 2023: The Way to the Cross**

Please join Rev. Kevin on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm or 7 pm in the Friendship Room for a Lenten Study. Please print your name on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the hallway.

### **SPRING CLEANING**

The Christian Education Committee is doing some early SPRING CLEANING. We will have items available in UWH during coffee time for the next few weeks. Craft supplies, puzzles, books and other miscellaneous items looking for a new home. Please stop by and have a look! If you can use it or know someone who might, please help yourself.

**"GOOD FRIDAY" JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE** will be at St. James' United Church at **10:30 am**. 221 Romaine Street, Peterborough.

**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE**, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Northminster United Church. Hot cross buns will be served following the service in Upper Wright Hall.

***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for March 26***

<b>Duty</b>	<i>Dave Sherwin</i>
<b>Elevator</b>	<i>Carrie Varga</i>
<b>Greeters</b>	<i>Joan Findlay</i> <i>Debbie &amp; Martin Noakes</i>
<b>Congregational Elder</b>	<i>Mary Hess Northey</i>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<i>Maggie Crawford</i>
<b>Sound</b>	<i>Bill VanTol / Alex Brunton</i>
<b>Video</b>	<i>Ron Kervin/Nelson Pickett</i>
<b>Videographer</b>	<i>Jim Boothby</i>
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	<i>Christian Education</i>
<b>Coffee Fellowship [Apr]</b>	<i>Mission &amp; Outreach</i>