

Northminster United Church
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Those who
LOOK to **HIM**
for **HELP**

RADIANT will be
with

JOY

no shadow of **SHAME**
will darken their
faces Psalm 34:5

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Sunday, October 24, 2021

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Welcome, Celebrations, Life and Work of the Community

Birthday wishes to *Marie Paul* [90]

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.

Call to Worship:

One: As we approach the Holy, we cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon us."

All: Jesus, the human One, who knows us, and has lived our life, have mercy upon us.

One: Jesus, the anointed One, the Risen Lord, be present with us.

All: Jesus, be present with us as we prepare to worship, and experience the love of God. Amen.

Opening Hymn: VU663

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

- 1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day be wholly thine.

2 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide,
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

3 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: As we struggle and search for meaning in the busyness of our hectic lives, the Holy encourages us to pause, take a breath and simply be present in the midst of eternal love.

All: We are encouraged to live creatively following the image of the Holy and the teachings of the Christ, knowing the presence of the Spirit within, among and around us.

One: In the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ...

All: ...Amen

First Lesson: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Maureen Pickett

^{42:1} Then Job answered the LORD:

² "I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

³ "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?"
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

⁴ "Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me."

⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;

⁶ therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes."

¹⁰ And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹² The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, old and full of days.

Psalm Selection: VU761-62

from Psalm 34

Led by Maureen Pickett

One: Taste and see,

All: taste and see the goodness of our God.

One: I will bless God at all times, God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul will glory in God, the humble will hear and be glad.

One: O magnify God with me, let us exult God's name together.

All: I sought God, who answered me, and freed me from all my fears.

One: Look to the Most High, and let your light shine, and your faces will not be ashamed.

All: This poor soul cried out and God heard, and saved me from all my troubles.

One: Taste and see,

All: taste and see the goodness of our God.

One: Your angel, O God, keeps guard over those who fear you and delivers them.

All: Taste and see that our God is good. Happy are those who take refuge in God.

One: Fear God, you who are the saints, for those who fear God lack nothing.

All: Strong lions suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek God lack no good thing.

One: Taste and see,

All: taste and see the goodness of our God.

One: Come, my children, and listen to me, I will teach you the fear of God.

All: Which of you delights in life, and desires many days to enjoy prosperity?

One: Keep your tongue from evil, your lips from speaking lies. Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.

All: God's eyes are upon the righteous, God's ears open to their cry.

One: God's face is set against evil-doers, to blot out their remembrance from the earth.

All: The righteous cry out and God hears them, and rescues them from all troubles.

One: Taste and see,

All: taste and see the goodness of our God.

One: God is near to the broken-hearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

All: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God sets them free from every sorrow.

One: God guards every bone in their body; not one of them will be broken.

All: Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

One: But you, God, redeem the life of your servants;

All: none who take refuge in you are condemned.

One: Taste and see,

All: taste and see the goodness of our God.

Music for Meditation

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:46-52

Maureen Pickett

^{10:46} They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵² Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

One: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

All: ...may we hear the stories from our faith history and grasp the messages we can bring forth to transform today and tomorrow.

One: In the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ...

All: ...Amen.

Hymn: VU622

“Your Hands, O Christ”

- 1 Your hands, O Christ, in days of old
were strong to heal and save;
they triumphed o'er disease and death,
fought darkness and the grave.
To you they went, the blind, the mute,
the palsied and the lame,
the leper set apart and shunned,
the sick with fevered frame.
- 2 And lo! your touch brought life and health,
gave speech and strength and sight;
and youth renewed and health restored
owned you, the Lord of light.
So, living Christ, draw near to bless,

compassionate as before;
that we may touch your garment's fringe,
walk in our streets once more.

- 3 O be our gracious healer still,
our God in life and death;
restore and strengthen, soothe and bless
with your lifegiving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see
teach wisdom's healing lore,
that whole and sick, and weak and strong,
we praise you evermore.

Meditation:

"A Trip Interrupted"

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: VU371

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;

place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,

ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

- 2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,

ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

- 3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee,

ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts

Dedication of Our Gifts

A Minute for Mission: “Anti- Racism and Mission and Service”
Maureen Pickett

Wondering what more you can do to become anti-racist in your local communities? You aren't alone.

It's one of the questions Adele Halliday, the United Church's Anti-Racism and Equity Lead, is asked a lot. *40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism*, a new cutting-edge program set to run from October 12 through November 26, is one of the ways Halliday is answering.

“I took the question to heart, mulled it over with colleagues, and an idea was born to invite the whole church to intentionally reflect on a range of racial justice issues in creative ways for a specific period of time together,” she says.

Each day for 40 days, heart-expanding reflections on anti-racism themes written by contributors from across the church will be

shared on the United Church's website. These free reflections geared for individuals and small groups will also come with activities for children and families, prayers, and practical ways to take action in local communities.

What does Halliday hope the impact of the program will be?

"I'm hoping there will be engagement with advocacy, personal transformation, and continued commitment to work to become actively anti-racist not just for 40 days but over the long haul," says Halliday. "We commit to this work not alone but with God. Ultimately, I hope 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism will draw church members into a deeper understanding of God's vision for a just world and how they can live it out."

Your Mission & Service gifts help support the development of awakening education and learning resources like 40 Days. Because of your generosity, the whole of the church will be blessed with practical ways to live into God's call to become anti-racist. And in turn, our world will become a more just and equitable place for all. Thank you.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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: As our time together comes to an end...

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

One: As we journey together with each other and our Creator,
we hope to transform our world into one of compassion,
acceptance, and equality as we share the grace of the
Holy.

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

Music as We Depart

Prayer Cycle

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our
mission in the world.

Regional Council Prayer Cycle
for the week of October 24, 2021

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge
St. Paul's United Church, Bowmanville
[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS-October 24th

Duty	<i>John Tewsley</i>
Elevator	<i>Wayne Doherty</i>
Contact Tracing Rep	<i>Bev Sherwin</i>
Ushers/Greeters	<i>Joyce Armstrong</i> <i>Linda Munroe</i>
Scripture Reader	<i>Maureen Pickett</i>
Congregational Elder	<i>Mary Hess Northey</i>
Sound	<i>Bill VanTol / Alex Brunton</i>
Video	<i>Ron Kervin / Nelson Pickett</i>
Videographer	<i>Ken Nash</i>
Sunday School	<i>Maggie Crawford</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All Covid-19 protocols are still in place. Masks “must” be worn at all times, if you do not have a mask, we will provide one to you. Social distancing must be kept and hand sanitizer used.

Effective 12:01 a.m. on September 22, 2021, Ontario now requires patrons to provide proof of identification and of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to access certain businesses and settings. The [Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act](#) provides information for businesses and organizations implementing this requirement.

***PLEASE NOTE: this **does not** apply to anyone attending the worship service.

If you are planning to attend the Sunday Worship Service, we ask that you pre-register on “Eventbrite” located on our website at www.northminsteruc.ca . Please call the church office if you have difficulties in doing so and we would be happy to do it for you.
705-748-4881 [*leave a message if after office hours*]

Attention Volunteers:

*** If you are a Sunday volunteer, i.e. Duty Person, Elevator Person, Usher, scripture reader, etc. Please register on “Eventbrite” Thank you!

“Worship Services” and “Prayer” videos continue weekly on our YouTube channel, which can be found on our website: www.northminsteruc.ca

“Grief & Loss in a Time of Pandemic”

Facilitators: Rev Kevin Derry & Nola Wilson held in the Friendship Room at **2 pm**. Must pre-register, show **“Proof of Vaccination” passport** and limited to 14 participants.

The dates are as follows:

- **Thursday, October 28th [*last chance to participate*]**
- Wednesday, November 10th
- Wednesday, November 24th
- Thursday, December 9th
- Thursday, January 6th
- Thursday, January 20th
- Thursday, February 3rd

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING will be held on Tuesday, October 26th at 7 pm. * Please note this is a change.

NEXT WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7 p.m.