

## **NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

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Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 10:30 am (NEW TIME)

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### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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#### **Mother's Day/Family Sunday**

#### **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 Family in All of Its Forms

*Please stand for the Opening Hymn*

#### **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!' < >

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

### **Call to Worship:**

One: Called to celebrate an Easter faith.

**All: Let us hear the call reminding us we are the human family.**

One: Called to live an Easter faith.

**All: Let us respond to the call honouring the diversity and complexity of the human family.**

One: Called to share an Easter hope as a family of faith.

**All: Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!**

One: Let us worship!

**All: Let us worship together!**

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Words of Assurance:**

One: The promise of an Easter faith tells us the Holy loves and cherishes each one of us for who we are and all that we may become.

**All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, we live our Easter faith.**

#### **Epistle Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13**

*Iain Buchanan*

<sup>5:9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us

eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**Psalm Selection: VU724** (from Psalm 1) *Led by Iain Buchanan*

Refrain

*T. Barrett Armstrong 1979*

Bless - ed are those who fol - low the law of God.

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One Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, or linger in the way of sinners, or sit down among those who mock.

**All But their delight is in the law of God, and on that law they meditate day and night.**

One They are like trees planted beside streams of water, yielding their fruit in due season.

**All Their leaves do not wither, and whatever they produce shall prosper. R**

One As for the wicked, it is not so with them,

**All but they are like the chaff, driven away by the wind.**

One Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand when judgement comes, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**All For God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. R**

*Please remain seated*

**Hymn: VU664**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do our friends despise, forsake us?  
Are we tempted to despair?  
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,  
and we'll find new courage there. < >

**Young at Heart Time:***"A New Home for Caesar"***Gospel Lesson:** John 17:6-19*Iain Buchanan*

<sup>17:6</sup> I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be

one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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 resurrection faith.**

Reader: In the name of the Risen Jesus...

**All: Amen.**

**Meditation:**

*“Testify!”*

**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: VU215**

“Hope of the World”

- 1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion,  
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;  
save us, your people, from consuming passion,  
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
- 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,  
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,  
still let your Spirit unto us be given  
to heal earth's wounds and end its bitter strife.
- 3 Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,  
showing to wandering souls the path of light;  
walk now beside us lest the tempting byways  
lure us away from you to endless night.
- 4 Hope of the world, who by your cross has saved us  
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;  
we render back the love your mercy gave us;  
take now our lives, with them your kingdom build.
- 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,  
who by this sign has conquered grief and pain,  
we would be faithful to your gospel glorious.  
You are our Lord! You shall forever reign. < >

**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: “Crossroads”**

*Iain Buchanan*

YWCA Peterborough Haliburton provides safe shelter, resources and support to help women safely escape gender-based violence, build upon their existing strength, and move forward in their lives. With the help of our community, we’re interrupting the cycle of gender-based violence and creating a safer, more equitable future for all.

As a member of YWCA Canada, we are part of a global movement dedicated to ending gender-based violence in all its forms.

We are committed to engaging with all women and children in a manner experienced as allyship. We see women and their children at their most vulnerable moments; thus, we are in position to offer an experience of trust, respect, and genuine care that has the potential to provide a key step towards healing. We take this responsibility seriously.

Our work is rooted in principles of intersectional feminism and anti-oppression/anti-racism, is trauma and violence-informed, person-centered and focused on harm reduction. Our intention is to be as low-barrier as possible and responsive to women and their families in whatever ways they need us to be. We aim to lift each other, and other women, up.

Our hope, grounded in our shared passion and intentional approaches, makes for a powerful force against gender-based violence.

YWCA cultivates a just, equitable, inclusive community where all women, children, and gender-diverse people can thrive.

YWCA Peterborough Haliburton exists to help women and children in our communities live safely, eat well and know satisfaction and joy in their daily lives. We offer shelter, educational programming, counselling, and advocacy, in collaboration with the community and women themselves. The YWCA knows that its fiscal management, community reputation and most importantly, valued staff are the basis for these trusting relationships.

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

*Please stand for the Closing Hymn*

## Closing Hymn: VU120

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:  
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
- 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.
- 3 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,  
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend. < >

## Blessing as We Go Forth:

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

**All: We go in celebration.**

One: Let us go from this place living the Resurrection  
Promise of the Holy.

**All: We go in love.**

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

**All: We go in hope and 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 May 12, 2024

***Havelock-Trent River Pastoral Charge***

***Havelock-Trent River United Church***

***[East Central Ontario Regional Council]***



## ***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for May 12<sup>th</sup>***

Duty	John Tewsley
Elevator	Gerry Milburn
Greeters	Marion Milburn, Bruce Newmaster Wayne Ferguson
Scripture Reader	Iain Buchanan
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Not supervised this week
Nursery Coordinator	Not supervised this week
Sound	Alex Brunton/AI Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Lynn Bartholomew
Coffee Fellowship	Pastoral Care
Coffee Fellowship (June)	Christian Education

### **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: May 12<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 for one. 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** is returning on **May 7<sup>th</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>**.  
Each Tuesday 10:00 am to 11:00 am. (\* Cancelled on May 14<sup>th</sup> due to building repairs)

**The church building will be closed to walk in traffic on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> due to**

**NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH “MUFFIN PARTY”**

Saturday, May 25, 2024  
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Admission \$5.00

*Come out and enjoy muffins and fellowship...*

**NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH  
GEORGIAN BAY CRUISE**

**June 27, 2024**

*Be sure to get the details...*

*Ask a greeter for a copy of the information sheet*

*Can also be found on the website.*

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