

**YORK UNITED MINISTRIES
SUNDAY AUGUST 15, 2021
AT KING CITY UNITED CHURCH
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST¹**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: "Prelude in C"

H. Purcell

Words of Welcome

Life and work of our Church

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

We have gathered to worship God!
We have come seeking comfort,
Inspiration, community, and insight.
We have come to open ourselves
To the power of God's presence in our midst.
We have come to offer up the seasons and turnings of our lives,
And to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.

***Opening Hymn: "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love" #574 VU**

**1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**

**2 Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame,
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.**

3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;

**why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**

**4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!
Come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.**

Opening Prayer:

**Wondrous God, You touch our lives with healing and with justice;
New life is Your gift. We praise you for the good news which is ours
through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your
promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to carry
your goodness into the coming week. We pray in Jesus' name, our
Source and Saviour.**

Prayer of Confession:

**In the winds of change when we are swamped by our doubts,
Help us to trust You when you reach out to us and say: 'Take heart,
it is I.' When we slip from careful to fearful, when we move from
being practical to being cynical, when we pray for help. But expect
miracles, turn us to you and help us to trust.**

Assurance of Pardon:

**God cares for you, loves you, and will help you start anew.
Thanks be to God.**

**Response: "Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary" (#18 MV)
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

***Affirmation of Faith: New Creed**

**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.**

Ministry of Music

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination:

Let your word speak in each heart,
Let your truth set each one free.
Let your gospel inspire us for justice.
Let your presence fill us with joy.
Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1: 11-24 & Genesis 2: 2

Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the

day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so.

And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

Luke 9: 18-24

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, 'Who do the crowds say that I am?' They answered, 'John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered, 'The Messiah of God.'

He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, 'The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.' Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.'

Response: "Spirit of Life" (#381 VU)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move on the hand giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close, wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Time for the Children in All of Us

Reflection: 'And the Living is Easy'

Rick McKinlay

Music for Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

Invitation:

***Doxology: "In Gratitude and Humble Trust" #544 VU**

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

*Offertory Prayer (in unison):

We give you a portion of all you have so generously given us,
Lord.

Even as we give, our hearts seek you and your blessing. Take us
and take these gifts, and cause us and them to become
blessings for many others. We ask this in love, and in Jesus
name. Amen

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (#959 VU)

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AS CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn: "Creating God, We Give You Thanks" #292 VU**

1 Creating God, we give you thanks
that this your world is incomplete;
that battle calls our marshalled ranks,
that work awaits our hands and feet.

2 You have not finished woman, man,
for we are in the making still,
as friends who share the Maker's plan,
as those who know your loving will.

3 Beyond the present sin and shame,

wrong's bitter, cruel, scorching blight,
we see the beckoning vision flame,
the blessed kingdom of the right.

4 What though the kingdom long delay,
and still with haughty foes must cope?
It gives us that for which to pray,
a field for toil and faith and hope.

5 Since what we choose is what we are,
and what we love we yet shall be,
the goal may ever shine afar,
the will to win it makes us free.

Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude: "Partita in B Flat"

J.S. Bach



York United Ministries Announcements

Worship Service: We Are Back!

Our churches are now open for the Sunday worship services. We (YUM), gather for the worship services on Sundays at 10 a.m. King City UC hosted on-site worship service today using public health guidelines. For those who cannot come to church, the sermon recording is provided at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL772mvVOna2VqaLImkQsNw?view_as=subscriber. You may subscribe to the channel and turn on notifications in order to be informed automatically, or check out the church webpages or Facebook pages. You may click "LIKE" button or leave your comments on the online services to encourage each other.

YAYA - YTB Q-Box Series

Q-Box Series are being updated. YAYA people, please check the YUM YouTube channel. Recent Updates are:

"How can you believe what you cannot see or experience?"

"How does Jesus' dying help me get to heaven?"

Visitation Worship

Rev. Andrew Lee is offering pastoral visitation (with proper physical distancing) with a short worship service. He will visit your driveway or backyard and share stories, scriptures, hymns, and prayers. If you are comfortable and interested, please contact your church office or Rev. Lee.

Frozen Meal Fundraiser

The Frozen Meal Menu for September and a covering letter have been distributed. Please note that this will be your last opportunity to stock up for the winter months.

Quilt Group

The Quilt group from New Hope has resumed the gathering in-person on Wednesday. If you want to join, please contact the New Hope office (905-738-6446).

Offering

Thank you for sending your offerings to the churches. Your offerings support the ministry of the church and have been much appreciated. Please mail a cheque to your church directly, or make an e-transfer: kcuc@bellnet.ca; yorkpinesuc@gmail.com; newhopeunited@bellnet.ca.

YUM Calendar (August)

- August 4 Quilt Group (New Hope UC)
 King City UC council meeting
- August 5 New Hope UC council meeting
- August 8 On-Site Worship Service resumes at New Hope UC

Navy Bike Ride 2021

Rev. Lee is still inviting YUM congregation members, adherents, and their friends to join and support his unit, HMCS YORK by bike riding. Participation is easy: Create your account of *Race Roaster* and just log your date and kms cycled to the website. Click this link and register

<http://raceroster.com/events/2021/36550/navy-bike-ride-2021/register?team=306513> and choose **"I am riding for others"** and fill out your home address for your possible order of cycling jersey if needed. By clicking the link above, you will automatically be part of the HMCS YORK team with Rev. Lee. He is shown as Lt(N) KUN YOUNG LEE in the list along with your name. The event starts June 12 and runs through to August 29. Support HMCS YORK. The donation is optional. If you don't want to donate, click the "clear donation" button on the right upper side of the donation page. 100% of your donation will go to Royal Canadian Navy HMCS YORK.

Worship Schedule (*Italic - working*)

	August 15	August 22	August 29	September 5
Preacher	Rick McKinley	Rev. Andrew Lee	Dr. Rev Bill Fritz	Rev. Andrew Lee
Location	King City UC	York Pines	New Hope	King City
Announcements	Sheryl Sinka			
Scripture Reading	Maria Ongaro			
Choir				
Music Director	Rosemary Karunaratne	Ted Anderson	Sunny Rakovac	Rosemary Karunaratne
Church	Twelfth After Pentecost	Thirteenth After Pentecost	Fourteenth After Pentecost	Fifteenth After Pentecost
UCC/YUM Calendar		Pre-recording on Aug.19th at 10 a.m.		
Liturgical Color	Red	Red	Red	Red

Minute for Mission by Mission & Service

Converting Space for a Field Hospital in Cuba

Eleven million people live in Cuba. By mid-July, the country had a staggering average of over 400 confirmed COVID-19 cases per million residents daily, double the world average and more than any other country in the Americas for its size.

Coupled with the continuing and strengthened US economic blockade, Cuba is now experiencing dire economic conditions, and shortages of food and medical supplies. The dramatic surge in cases related to the Delta variant has been felt most acutely in locations such as Cardenas and Matanzas where Mission & Service partners, The Christian Centre for Reflection and Dialogue (CCRD) and the Evangelical Theological Seminary (SET), are located

When hospitals in Cuba were pushed to capacity, both partners moved quickly to convert their buildings to help. Today, both the Christian Centre for Reflection and Dialogue and the Evangelical Theological Seminary are

being used as a field hospitals and isolation centers for children and their families who have been exposed to the virus.

At Evangelical Seminary in Matanzas a team of doctors and nurses attend to 120 children and their accompanying parents, as well as other individuals who are suspected of having or are diagnosed with COVID-19. Seminary staff work to support the hospital, including providing food for the hospital on a daily basis.

This generosity in action is also inspiring others to be generous, too. Local business owners and the public have begun to donate food, transportation, masks, and more to the Christian Centre for Reflection and Dialogue. "In recent days, we have welcomed representatives of different businesses in the city to our institution with special contributions: cake, ice cream, jam, and graphic prints with hopeful messages," says the Centre in a report, calling the groundswell of kindness "gratifying."

Throughout the pandemic, your support through Mission & Service has helped provide vital personal protective equipment, shelter, and food for people in Canada and around the world when they need it most. Now, it is also providing life-saving vaccines.



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