

**YORK UNITED MINISTRIES  
SUNDAY JUNE 27, 2021  
AT YORK PINES UNITED CHURCH  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST<sup>1</sup>  
INDIGENOUS SUNDAY**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Prelude: "The Gift of Love"**

**Janet Lanker**

**Words of Welcome**

**Life and work of our Church**

**Acknowledgement of the Land**

By now we know fully that we gather in the territory of the Ojibway peoples of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We support and accept the principles of Truth and Reconciliation. We acknowledge Anishinabe stewardship of Mother Earth as we worship, listen, learn share and heal together, with mutual respect.

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you."

**Call to Worship**

Let our time together be one of listening and reflecting upon our relationships with the Indigenous peoples of Canada, our brothers and sisters. As we listen to each other and to your Word, may we find ways to heal what is broken among us and in our connection with creation.

**\*Opening Hymn: "Give To Us Laughter"**

**VU 624 vs. 1 & 4**

- 1 Give to us laughter, O Source of our life  
Laughter can banish so much of our strife  
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health  
Laughter and love are the coins of true wealth.**
- 4 Even in sorrow and hours of grief,  
Laughter with tears brings most healing relief  
God, give us laughter, and God give us peace,  
Joys of your presence among us increase.**

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<sup>1</sup> **Bold** print indicates a congregational response. \*please stand if able.

## Opening Prayer

Creator,

One who gives voice to the stillness that surrounds,

One who gives substance to the yet unformed,

One who creates relationship from mystery

and creates mystery from relationship,

One who builds family from oneness and oneness from family,

One who gives shape to justice and form to love,

One who sits quietly in the circle, when we speak our words,

One who dances with us, as we dance with each other,

One who drums for us, as we sing out our song,

One who pushes us forth into wilderness and into street,

One who holds us in patient grace,

One who brings tears into circles of listening,

One who creates laughter from the depth experience,

One who teaches that all are part of the *Circle of Life*,

we give you thanks for this day.

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy Spirit,

look at our brokenness.

Help us to see how sacred life is and to acknowledge that we are the ones who have strayed from You and from the Sacred Way.

**People: We know that we are the ones who are divided. We are the ones who must come back together: to worship and to walk in the Sacred Way.**

**We are the ones who must come back to You and to Your Way. By following the Way that You have shown, we will heal the earth and each other.**

**Help us to walk the path You have shown us. AMEN.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The One who calls us here is also the One who will walk with us into all our experiences and if we have strayed will show us the way back to the Sacred Pathway, and if we have not strayed to encourage us forward in love and peace.

**\*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.**

**Hymn:            *"Spirit Open My Heart"***

**MV 79**

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.**

**As you love may I love,**

**In receiving and in giving,**

**Spirit, open my heart.**

**1-God replace my stony heart**

**With a heart that's kind and tender**

**All my coldness and fear**

**To your grace I now surrender**

**2-Write your love upon my heart**

**As my law, my goal, my story**

**In each thought, word and deed,**

**May my living bring you glory**

**3-May I weep with those who weep,**

**Share the joy of sister, brother**

**In the welcome of Christ,**

**May we welcome one another.**

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

As we open our ears to hear your word, open our hearts so that we may be the face that ends such brokenness in the lives of the First Nation People, and to become part of the healing process of right relations with all our indigenous sisters and brothers. **Amen.**

### **Scripture Reading**

#### **1 Corinthians 13: 1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

### **Response Song:**

**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: "Maple Syrup"      Christine Gunter**

**Reflection: Rev. Alf Dumont**

**Music for Silent Reflection: "Interlude" Noel Rawsthorne**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**The Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves**

**Invitation:**

**\*Doxology: "In Gratitude and Humble Trust" (VU 544)**

**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.**

**Prayers of the People**

O God, we come together as a human family, blessed to be alive, blessed to be on this land, blessed to have neighbours as diverse as your creation. You surround us with air we breathe, water we drink, all manner of living plants and animals that delight and sustain us. Thank you, Creator, for all you provide. We take a moment in silence to ponder the blessings you give us.

*A moment of silent reflection*

O God, for the witness of strength, caring, and love of Indigenous peoples, and for the struggle for what is just and right, open our hearts this day. Encourage us to listen more, speak less, participate in the movements for change that will bring us together in good and respectful ways.

In you there is a refuge,  
In you there is a peace.  
When all we know is chaos may our trust in you increase.

In you there is silence,  
In you our minds are clear.  
When all we hear is discord may your quiet draw us near.

We pray as well in the Spirit of Christ, whose words continue to guide our lives today as we say:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AS CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD**

**\*Closing Hymn:   *"Let All Things Now Living"***

**VU 242**

**Let all things now living, a song of thanksgiving  
To God our creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banner are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into Light.**

**By law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean claim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing!**

**With glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living, unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**

**Blessing and Sending Forth**

**Rev. Andrew K. Lee**

**Postlude: "Fairest Lord Jesus"**

**Dale Wood**



### **York United Ministries Announcements**

**We welcome Rev. Dumont to the pulpit this morning to celebrate Indigenous Sunday with us.**

#### **Worship Service**

All services will be recorded in advance and posted to YouTube on Sunday morning. Today's service was pre-recorded at King City United Church. People gathered and recorded on the basis of the Ontarian regulations. The worship recording can be found at:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL772mvVOna2VqaLImkQsNw?view\\_as=subscriber](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.

#### **Summer Closure**

YUM will have summer closure for five Sundays from July 4 to August 1. The worship service is going to resume on August 8. Rev. Lee will be working for ministry, including pastoral care, sermon recording, and Q-Box Series recording.

#### **YAYA - YTB Q-Box Series**

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

#### **Visitation Worship**

Rev. Andrew Lee is offering pastoral visitation with a short worship service. With proper physical distance, 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.

### **New Hope United Church Quilt Recipient**

The Quilt group from New Hope learned today who was the recipient of the Quilt of Valour they made last year.

Each of the ladies made one or more blocks that were then assembled into a quilt top by Ellie. After applying the borders, the quilt was then hand quilted by the group. Upon completion, the quilt was given to the Quilt of Valour Association of Canada who then determines which veteran receives the quilt.

The group extends their thanks and appreciation to the recipient, almost 100 year old Lorne Ambrose Morgason who served bravely in World WarII.

### **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](mailto:kcuc@bellnet.ca); [yorkpinesuc@gmail.com](mailto:yorkpinesuc@gmail.com); [newhopeunited@bellnet.ca](mailto:newhopeunited@bellnet.ca).

### **YUM Calendar (June-July-August)**

July 4 – August 1	Summer Closure (No worship services)
August 4	Oversight Team Meeting
August 8	Worship Service resumes at New Hope UC

### **Navy Bike Ride 2021**

Rev. Lee invites 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

	<b>June 27</b>	<b>August 8</b>	<b>August 15</b>	<b>August 22</b>
Preacher	<b>Rev. Alf Dumont</b>	<b>Rev. Andrew Lee</b>		<b>Rev. Andrew Lee</b>
Location	York Pines	New Hope UC	King City UC	York Pines
Announcements	Deb Carpenter			
Scripture Reading	Eleanor Chambers			
Choir	Deb Carpenter Christine Gunther Brenda Walker	YAYA+ Praise Band		
Music Director	Ted Anderson	Sunny Rakovac	Rosemary Karunaratne	Ted Anderson
Recording	June 24 (Thurs.) at 10:30	August 5 (Thurs.) at 10:00		
Church	<b>Fifth After Pentecost</b>	<b>Eleventh After Pentecost</b>	<b>Twelfth After Pentecost</b>	<b>Thirteenth After Pentecost</b>
UCC/YUM Calendar	<b>Canadian Multiculturalism Day/ Indigenous Sunday</b>			
Liturgical Color	<b>Red</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Red</b>

### **Minute for Mission by Mission & Service**

These gardens represent our vision  
for healthy and thriving communities”

Over the last year, the need for food has skyrocketed. Since the pandemic began, Fred Victor, a charity based in Toronto, Ontario, has served over 180,000 free and low-cost meals to people in need—a 40 percent increase over previous years.

Growing food security issues are just one of the reasons why Fred Victor’s community gardens are so necessary right now.

In addition to providing vital food services, shelter, counselling, and job training to support people living in poverty and experiencing homelessness, Fred Victor runs over 240 gardens where local community members garden together. It is an activity they can still enjoy amid lockdown restrictions.

“The pandemic has pushed more people into poverty. More people are experiencing food insecurity and hunger. That is why we see these gardens as more than just plots of land with plants growing in them. For every harvest that makes its way onto plates and into bellies, and for every resident who feels empowered by their surroundings, these gardens represent our vision for healthy and thriving communities,” says Keith Hambly, Fred Victor’s CEO.

Today, over 200 families, many of whom live in poverty, grow their own nutritious food through these gardens. But the food itself isn’t the only benefit of the gardening program. At Fred Victor, gardening isn’t just about growing food—it’s about growing community, too.

“What we grow reflects our community’s vibrant cultural diversity. In our gardens, kiwi and amaranth grow alongside strawberries, carrots, and garlic, which grow alongside Indigenous healing and ceremonial plants such as tobacco and sage,” says Mark Woodnutt, Fred Victor’s Senior Manager, Community Food Centre.

Gardening and nutritional education, healthy food choices, and strong relationships are cornerstones of the gardening initiative. And there are plans to expand. “We’re looking to expand the program over the next year, turning plots at one of our locations into a micro-farm that will supply fresh ingredients to the meals served out of our community hub,” Woodnutt explains.



Produce and community building flourish at Fred Victor.  
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