

**YORK UNITED MINISTRIES
SUNDAY AUGUST 29, 2021
AT NEW HOPE UNITED CHURCH
FOURTEEN SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST¹**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude:

Words of Welcome

Life and work of our Church

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the Lord. To sing praises to your name O God.
We declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness in the
bleak night. For you O God have made us glad by the works of your
hands and we sing for joy!

***Opening Hymn: "Come In, Come In and Sit Down "
(#395 VU – vs. 1, 2, & 4)**

**Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

**You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.**

**Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

**God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.**

¹ **Bold** print indicates a congregational response. *please stand if able.

**We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family.
Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

**There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family.
Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

Opening Prayer

As a great wave rises from the deep to wash away the clutter on a beach, so come O God to wash away our anxieties and cares into the still waters of peace. As the dark night retreats before the slivers of rising sun, so gracious God help us to retreat from our busy-ness into the light of your calm. As summer rains erase the dust from our streets, so dear God shower your love into our hearts and wash clean our souls. As the explosion of noonday sun brings to blossom the flowers of our gardens, so come gracious God with radiant joy into our hearts. For this we pray in the name of him who is the sun of soul the Saviour dear, Jesus the Christ. Amen

Words of Assurance

Always dear people of God, become complete in your living. Be of good comfort. Be of one mind. Live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you always. Amen. **(2 Cor 13:11)**

***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

O God, apart from your Spirit no one can hear your word. Apart from your Spirit no one can speak your word. And aside from your Spirit no one can live your word. So we pray that your Holy Spirit may dwell in our hearts daily that we may be your living word to others. Amen

Scripture Reading

John 6:60-71

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is

the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.' Jesus answered them, 'Did I not choose you, the twelve? Yet one of you is a devil.' He was speaking of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, for he, though one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

Time for the Children in All of Us: (VIDEO: They called him 'Loser').

Reflection: FAILURE!

Dr. Rev. Bill Fritz

Music for Silent Reflection:

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

Invitation: Jesus said: Let your light so shine before people that they may see your good works and give glory to God who is in heaven.

***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.

The Prayers of the People

CONFESSION: Like smog which settles upon a city, so depression descends upon us. We inhale poisonous fumes. We see dimly through the vapours of stench. Our souls spiral into discouragement. Confusion and contradiction fill our days

THANKSGIVING: But there is One who lifts the fog of despair: JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW. Thank you O God for this holy sentence. This good news. This happy report. This gracious truth. This exciting discovery. JESUS LOVES ME. Just as we are. In frailty. In weakness. In sin. JESUS LOVES ME! And Jesus sees what we yet can be: Whole, happy, healthy, healed, and at peace. Therefore open our hearts dear Friend Jesus as we worship you to say it within our heart of hearts we love you and adore you, Jesus our brother and Saviour kind and good.

INTERCESSION: We pray for our broken world; So many nations broken, so many people and the children suffering. Fleeing dictatorships, devastated cities and demolished countrysides. As peoples recover from pandemic we pray for wounded children, adults crippled in body and brain and spirit. We as Canadians and Christians live in the midst of abundance. Compel us to share with those in need.

PETITION: Gracious God please find for each home represented here a dwelling place for your empowering and abiding love....for we pray in the name of the One who is the light and love of all Jesus our brother and Lord, kind and good who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer (#959 VU)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever.**

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AS CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me" (#365 VU)**

**Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.'**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude



York United Ministries Announcements

We are pleased to welcome back Rev. Dr. Fritz this morning.

Worship Service

York United Ministries are now open for worship services on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. New Hope United Church is hosting the on-site worship service today using public health guidelines. For those unable to attend in person, the service recording is provided at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL772mvVOna2VqaLlmkQsNw?viewas=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.

Next Worship Service

The next Sunday worship service will take place at King City United Church on September 5th. Please RSVP your plans to attend by leaving a message on the church phone (905-833-5181) or email at kcuc@bellnet.ca

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 proper physical distancing) with a short worship service. This visitation will be resumed when he comes back from the training on October 5th. 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, so submit your order by the end of August.

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 (September)

September 5 In-person worship at King City UC

Rev. Lee's vacation

Rev. Lee will have his vacation from Sept. 3rd to Oct. 2nd. Currently, he is in self-quarantine for the training. He will be taking his BMOQ in Quebec and is going to preach for the worship service on Oct. 3.

Worship Schedule (*Italic - working*)

	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Leslie Morris	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rick Mckinley
Location	King City	York Pines	New Hope	King City
Announcements	<i>Maria Ongaro</i>		<i>Thom Stenson</i>	<i>Sheryl Sinka</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>Tobi Baumhard</i>		<i>Dahlia Buchannan</i>	<i>Maria Ongaro</i>
Choir	<i>John Kell</i>		<i>Faith Archer</i>	<i>John Kell</i>
Music Director	Rosemary Karunaratne	Ted Anderson	Sunny Rakovac	Rosemary Karunaratne
Church	Fifteenth After Pentecost	Creation Time 1	Creation Time 2	Creation Time 3
UCC/YUM Calendar				
Liturgical Color	Red	Green	Green	Green

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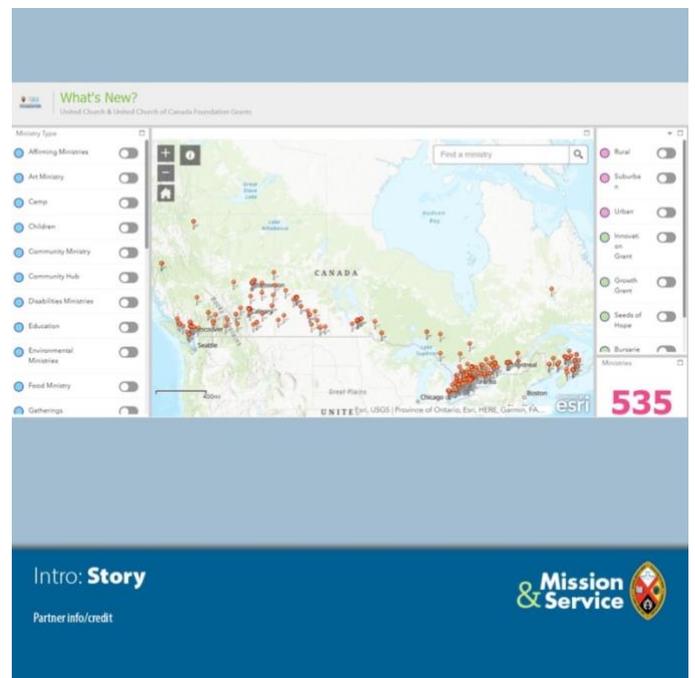
Thank you for giving good ideas a chance to fly.

There is no doubt that the church is in the midst of a radical transition. What does the future hold?

Honestly, no one knows for certain. But one thing is sure: The best way to fail is to try nothing, and the only way to succeed is to experiment by doing something new.

That's where you come in. Your gifts through Mission & Service support innovation through our church's Embracing the Spirit grants. Embracing the Spirit is a grant program supported by Mission & Service. Any church called by God to pursue a great ministry idea can apply to Embracing the Spirit for funding support.

In the bottom right corner of the Embracing the Spirit map, the number 535 is highlighted in bold red. The number, which refers to new ministry projects awarded grants, is steadily rising—535 is the tip of the iceberg. Since 2016, Embracing the Spirit has awarded over \$3,600,000 to help communities of faith develop new ministries. You will be amazed at the new ways congregations across the United Church are joining God's mission.



The last Embracing the Spirit granting round of 2021 is open now, and applications are due on October 15. Even if you don't have a new ministry idea you want to pursue right now, by simply making a Mission & Service gift you are helping our United Church network with and support others striving to live out God's mission in new ways.

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