

**York United Ministries
Sunday, September 12, 2021
at York Pines United Church
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
*Please stand, if able**

We Gather as God's People

**Prelude: "Lux Benigno"
Words of Welcome**

Richard Lloyd

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 to Mother Earth as we worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together, with mutual respect.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle in the name of Jesus who calls us to seek justice and resist evil, to love and serve others. Amen.

Call to Worship:

Stir up the wills of your people, O God.

Move us into new ways of living.

Stir up the minds of your people, O God.

Move us into deeper ways of thinking.

Stir up the hearts of your people, O God.

Move us into fuller ways of loving.

Stir us thoroughly, O God.

Let us worship you afresh. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: One More Step Along the World I Go VU 639**

- 1 **One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**
- 2 **Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**
- 3 **As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**
- 4 **Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**
- 5 **You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts, waiting to be filled with a sense of your presence; with the touch of your spirit; with new energy for service. Come to us, we pray. Be with us. Touch us. Empower us as your people that we might worship you and act in the world as Jesus did.

Loving Creator, pardon us, we pray, for our sins...

Although Christ is among us as liberation and peace, we are a people divided against ourselves and we follow the ways of the world. The profit and pleasures we pursue destroy the land and pollute the seas. Forgive our fears, jealousies and lack of understanding and compassion for anything or anyone different from ourselves. Forgive us for abusing your gifts of imagination and freedom, intellect and reason – forgive us for turning them into bonds of oppression. Heal and forgive us - empower us to serve You in love, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.
Amen.

Ministry of Music: *“Through All the Changing Scenes of Life”*

James Southbridge

We Listen for the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

**O God, the words you speak have power:
power to create, power to disturb, power to heal.
Help us to hear your Word for us today. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Response: Dona Nobis Pacem (Give Us Peace)

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Reflection:

Lesley Morris

Music for Silent Reflection: “Albano”

Adrian Fish

We Respond to God’s Word

The Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

***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.

***Offertory Prayer (in unison):**

Ever-present God,

with this offering, we present also ourselves:

all that we have been,

all that we are,

and all that we shall become,

and our resolve to walk in your way.

Accept us and our offering, we pray for Jesus’ sake.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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: Take My Life and Let It Be VU 506**

- 1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.**
- 3 Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**
- 4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**
- 5 Take my love: and I will pour**

at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude: *“Arioso on St Patrick’s Breastplate”*

Richard Proulx



York United Ministries Announcements

Worship Service - Our churches are now open for the Sunday worship services. We (YUM) gathered for the worship services on Sunday at 10 a.m. York Pines 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/UCL772mvVOna2VqaLlmkQsNw?view as=subscriber>. You may subscribe to the channel and



Staff at Our Place serve food outside
at a special barbecue for guests.

Credit: Our Place Society

Minute for Mission by Mission & Service

“We have never stopped providing three meals a day.”

When the pandemic began to ramp up last year, Grant McKenzie, the Communications Director at Our Place Society—a Mission & Service partner—told us one of the questions street-involved guests often asked is “Where will I eat?”

No one asks that question at Our Place anymore.

“The reason for that is simple. We have never stopped providing three meals a day. And as this pandemic continues, we endeavour to make more food options available. Due to social distancing, our kitchen staff need to think more creatively as they plan one-bowl meals that can be safely handed out at our front gates. We are also busy providing water, tea, coffee, and milk,” says McKenzie

That doesn’t mean there is no stress. The fentanyl crisis, overdoses, magnified social isolation, and mounting stress and anxiety as the pandemic continues take a heavy toll. Still, guests have reassurance that Our Place will continue to offer three square meals a day, whether indoors or out.

“In this strange and difficult time, my heart breaks with sorrow at the vulnerable people struggling to survive with yet another obstacle in their path, but my heart also swells with pride at the people who are stepping up to help,” he says.

Reassurance can be hard to come by in uncertain times. Your gifts through Mission & Service continue to provide steady support during the long COVID-19 crisis. Thank you.

KAIROS Events - The UCC supports an ecumenical organization, KAIROS. In September KAIROS offers information and events for climate justice and action.

Sept 14: Local Climate Action: Successes, Struggles and Hope for the Work Ahead - 7-9 pm EDT. Registration is available

Sept 16, and 23: For the Love of Creation Advocacy Webinar Series on climate finance, Indigenous rights, and climate ambition and transition - 7 pm EDT. Registration is available.

Sept 24: Global Climate Strike

Sept 30: Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

For details, please check www.kairoscanada.org

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).

Worship Schedule (*Italic - working*)

	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26
Preacher	Rev. Leslie Morris	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rick McKinley
Location	York Pines	New Hope	King City
Announcements	Christine Gunter	<i>Thom Stenson</i>	<i>Sheryl Sinka</i>
Scripture Reading	Lois Groombridge	<i>Dahlia Buchannan</i>	<i>Maria Ongaro</i>
Choir	Deb Carpenter Christine Gunter Brenda Walker	<i>Faith Archer</i>	<i>John Kell</i>
Music Director	Ted Anderson	Sunny Rakovac	Rosemary Karunaratne
Church	Creation Time 1	Creation Time 2	Creation Time 3
Liturgical Color	Green	Green	Green

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 - New Hope UC will host the next Sunday worship service on Sept 19th. Rev. Andrew is on vacation however he has pre-recorded his message. This service will not be recorded. Please RSVP Nancy at newhopeunited@bellnet.ca

Smile Cookies - Support a local charity by purchasing a Tim Hortons “Smile cookies” on sale from September 13th to 19th. At the King City and Nobleton locations, \$1 for each cookie sold will go to the King Township Food Bank for the many families in need. At the Schomberg location, the proceeds will go to “Help the Kids Play”, providing funding to families so that their children can participate in sports.

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 from 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.

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.

Schomberg Blood Donor Clinic - A Blood Donor clinic will be held on Thursday, September 23rd 3:30-7:30p.m. at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg.

