

**you'll find God's promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
the soul that trusts in God indeed.**

Opening Prayer

Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality. In the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to the Lord who restores us with favor always.

Prayer of Confession

God of favor, we sometimes have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we have ignored them. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have dismissed the needy with empty words. We always juxtapose our excuses in front of you for not being sincere and faithful. O God, have mercy on us; have mercy on us and give strength to work with you and live out your Word. Have mercy on us and let us find your seed in our deepest heart. Have mercy on us to have courage to confess our individual sins before you. O God, make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our redeemer, comfort, and shelter. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The mercy of our God triumphs over judgment through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, who has pleaded our cause, forgiven our sin, healed our sickness, and delivered us from evil.

Thanks be to God.

Response: "Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary" MV 18

**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: "I Will Always Be With You"

Music by Joseph M. Martin

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination – Alma Feindell

Healing God, you do all things well. Illumine our hearts by your Holy Spirit that we may receive your words and demonstrate your grace.

Amen.

Scripture Reading – Alma Feindell

Mark 7:24-31

(The Syrophenician Woman repeatedly asks Jesus to cure her daughter. After curing her daughter, Jesus continues to travel to Decapolis.)

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and

throw it to the dogs.”²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”²⁹ Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.”³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

One: This is the Words of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response: “Spirit of Life”

VU 381

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.

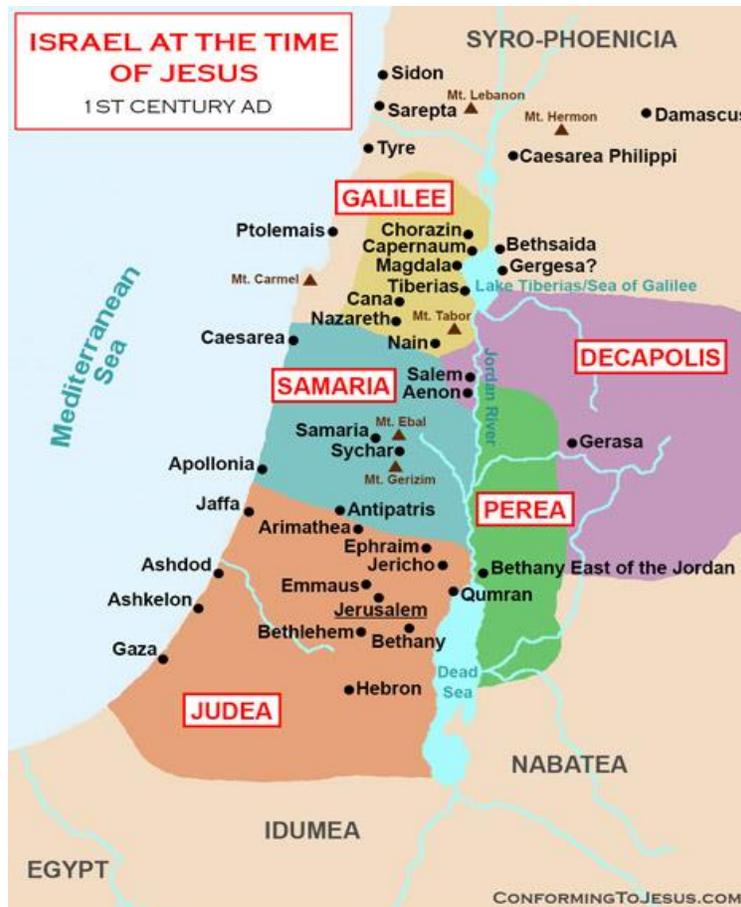
Roots hold me close, wings set me free;

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

Time for the Children in All of Us

Reflection: “Prophetic Challenge & Dramatic Change”

Rev. Andrew K. Lee(V-Clip) or Sandra Kirby’s Reading



Music for Silent Reflection:

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

Invitation: Those who are generous are blessed through the good name of Jesus Christ our Savior, by whom we have received the favor of our God— better than silver or gold. From the riches of God's grace, let us present our gifts of gratitude to bless those in need.

***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):**

Generous God, thank you for making us the children of God. Among the abundance and grace that we've received, we humbly brought the center of our heart. Bless us who offer it freely and voluntarily and accept our dedication to you. Whenever we earn money and enjoy the abundance, let us gratefully confess that all are from you. Through our offering make us channel of your peace and love, and let our family know that you are the source of abundance that we are enjoying. Through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, let our dedication work for healing of the sick, advocating of the afflicted, and providing for the poor and the marginalized. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray. God our maker, you surround your people with favor and goodness. You have chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to inherit your promised kingdom through our Lord Jesus Christ, who heals the afflicted and sets the oppressed free. In your mercy, open our mouths in intercession as we bow at your feet on behalf of the church, the creation, and all those in need.

Open your church to welcome and honor the poor and the poor in spirit, meeting their needs and spiritual needs with faith-filled deeds of love. Uphold the land and those who labor to cultivate it, that both crops and people may be sustained by your love and overflow with the blessings of your generous provision. Establish justice and peace for the oppressed in Myanmar, in Afghanistan, and in the world, relief for the afflicted and the marginalized, and compassionate care for the physically and mentally ill. God, open your ears to hear those of us who cry, your generous heart to those of us who are afflicted and marginalized. Stretch your hands to lift up those of us who are poor in body and spirit. Bless your faithful agents and every family of our churches. Make us your channel of peace, love, gratitude, joy and sincerity. Like Syrophenician woman, whenever we pray for our children, O God, listen to our prayer and lead them to your light and glory. We trust in you to do us good through the excellent name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

As we are children of God, let us recite the Lord's Prayer that Jesus taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**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: "Draw the Circle Wide" (MV 145)**

Refrain:

**Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song,
no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
Draw the circle wide.**

**God the still point of the circle.
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. *Refrain***

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. *Refrain***

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. *Refrain***

Blessing and Sending Forth

- Rev. Lee (Video-clip) or Sandra Kirby's Reading

Brothers and sisters! It's not easy to be faithful all the time, and it's not easy to joyfully accept being challenged and changed. But we trust anything is possible when God is on my side. Therefore, be joyful when you are challenged because God is working with you. May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always in every moment of your life. Amen.

Postlude: "Gavotte"

G. Handel



York United Ministries Announcements

Worship Service

York United Ministries are now open for worship services on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. King City 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?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.

Free Chair Lift

Someone in the community is offering a free chair lift for a straight staircase. They can even deliver it! Call Kristen at 905-833-5181 or 905-727-8118 for more info.

Next Worship Service

The next Sunday worship service will take place at York Pines United Church on September 12th. Please RSVP your plans to attend by leaving a message on the church phone (905-727-8118) or email at ypuc@bellnet.ca

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.

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 12 In-person worship at York Pines, and the church calendar shows that it is kept as "Creation Time 1" with the green liturgical colour.

KAIROS Events

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

Sept 1: World Day of Prayer for Creation

Sept 9, 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 14: Local Climate Action: Successes, Struggles and Hope for the Work Ahead - 7-9 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

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. His pre-recorded sermon will be played or be read today (Sept.5th) at King City and on Sept. 19th at New Hope.

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	Maria Ongaro	Christine Gunter	<i>Thom Stenson</i>	<i>Sheryl Sinka</i>
Scripture Reading	Alma Feindell	Lois Groombridge	<i>Dahlia Buchannan</i>	<i>Maria Ongaro</i>
Choir	John Kell	Deb Carpenter Christine Gunter Brenda Walker	<i>New Hope Choir</i>	<i>King City Choir</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	Recorded Sermon		Recorded Sermon	
Liturgical Color	Red	Green	Green	Green

Minute for Mission by Mission & Service



On the morning of Saturday, August 14, Haiti was struck by a severe earthquake. The extent of the damage is still unclear. Haitians and the international community are working hard to rescue people trapped under the rubble. But the number of deaths is rising. Many homes and community buildings have been destroyed.

Hospitals have also been damaged, and acutely injured and traumatized people are struggling to find help. And what's more, Tropical Storm Grace hit Haiti on August 16, making an already bad situation worse.

The United Church of Canada is in contact with Mission & Service partners in Haiti to find out how we can support their communities. Today, people in Haiti need emergency shelter, clean water, and food. Make a gift right now to support the people of Haiti.

The United Church, as a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, has joined the Humanitarian Coalition in asking for Canadians to give to help those impacted by the crisis.



Our prayer for Haiti:

Our Haitian neighbours have seen so many tragedies in recent times, and now another—the earthquake that shook the country on August 14. We pray that you will give the medical teams and those who search for the missing the courage and strength they need.

Strengthen our solidarity with this country that has been battered for so long.

You, manifest in Jesus, came to listen and heal the broken and the brokenhearted, and those who are experiencing so many challenges; and to comfort those who are suffering right now.

We pray especially for the people who are waiting for news of their loved ones, and for those in hospitals that are unable to meet their needs.

Generous God, you know all that they need.

Make your loving presence visible to them today.

And open our hearts to this country which has once again been devastated.

Help us to support those who are coming to the aid of the Haitian people, because you are the one who sees the pain this disaster has caused.

Amen

—Pierre-Paul Lafond