

**YORK UNITED MINISTRIES
SUNDAY APRIL 18, 2021
AT KING CITY UNITED CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: "<i>Blessed Assurance</i>"	J. Knapp
Welcome	Rev. Andrew
Life and work of our Church	Sheryl Sinka
Lighting the Christ Candle	Rev. Andrew
Call to Worship	Rick McKinley
The sun rises without fail, bringing a new day to earth. We rise to embrace such a gift. We rise to worship our Risen Lord and to give thanks for all His mercies.	
Opening Hymn: "<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>"	#333 VU

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Opening Prayer

Lord of all, we give thanks for the light that shines in the shadowed corners of our lives. Lord of all, we give thanks for the life of Jesus who showed us the path to follow. Lord of all, we ask for your presence here with us as we come before you, seeking the comfort of your love for today and all our tomorrows.

Response Song: "Psalm 4" (#727 VU – Refrain)

**In the night I can take my rest.
You alone keep my life secure.**

Words of Assurance

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.

Thanks be to God.

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church¹,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Ministry of Music: "There's Something About His Name"

By: William and Gloria Gaither

Soloist: John Kell

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Open the scriptures to us, God, and open us to the scriptures. Help us as we seek meaning and insight for the days ahead so that the sacred story can become our story and we can become the people you would have us to be.

Amen

Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I

¹ "catholic church" means the Christian churches of all times and of all places.

spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

**Response Song: “Psalm 119” (#840 VU - Refrain #5)
Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.**

Time for Child in All of Us

Hymn: “I`m Gonna Live, so God can Use Me” *#575 VU*

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

Reflection: “Too Good Not to Be True”

Rick McKinley

Music for Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

The Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

Invitation:

Remember the words of Jesus who said:

‘Freely you have received, freely give.’

***Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #541 VU
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creature high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known;
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayers of the People –

We ask God`s blessings on the gifts that we bring today...through prayer, time, talent, PAR, e-transfer, and Canada Post. May all that is given bring hope to a broken world. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

God of grace, and God of love. We come to this place of worship looking for peace in our busy lives. From the hustle and bustle of our busy week, we come here to find our place and to make sense of our world.

We give you thanks, Lord, for all you have provided. For each new day you give us, for our families, our friends, and for our community in this beautiful part of your world.

Open our hearts and our minds so that you may speak to us and guide us in the coming days and weeks. Show us ways that we may serve your kingdom here on earth with whatever talents you have blessed us with.

Lord, we ask your blessing on these communities and these churches as we do your work in a different way. Be with our three Congregations, and their ministers. We pray for Bruce Roffey as he heals from his surgery. We pray that he will regain his strength. Help us that we will grow in faith and love and kindness and that we will fulfill your purpose for us here in this community and within your world.

Lord, we pray today for all who are sick, all who are heavy laden, We pray for all who are being affected by this terrible virus called covid. We pray for those whose health is affected, those who are affected economically, and those who have family and friends who have been affected. Every one of us has been affected in one way or another. Be with us all. We pray that life will soon improve for all of us.

Be with the leadership of our country and the world. Give them wisdom, understanding, and compassion.

We pray for peace...peace in the world, peace in our communities and a better understanding for those who have a different ethnic background. May we learn and respect one another and care for one another as you first cared for us.. We ask our prayers in Jesus name, who taught us to pray saying:

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: " VU 670 'Precious Lord, Take my hand'**

**Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand, lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears,
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand;
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.**

Blessing and Sending Forth

Go into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit
To fulfill your high calling as disciples of Jesus Christ

Postlude: "*Blessed Assurance (Part II)***"**

J. Knapp



York United Ministries Announcements

Today we warmly welcome Rick McKinley to the pulpit.

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. There will be no on-site services on Sundays until further notice. The video clip can be found 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.

YAYA - YTB Q-Box Series

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

Zoom Gathering

Each church will have a Zoom Gathering with regular rotation. It is coffee time with casual conversation for 20-30 minutes. You may freely join and leave on the day for your church. The Zoom invitation is provided below.

Please contact your church office for further details. The schedule is as follows:

Today, **April 18th** at 11:30 a.m. for *King City United Church members*.
To Join Zoom Coffee Hour Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94741762815?pwd=RUF0UXFnSUxrOGk3UTkwOUVGMitJUT09>

Meeting ID: 947 4176 2815

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On **April 25th** at 11:30 a.m. for York Pines United Church members.

YAYA Game Nights

Please mark your calendars for the following scheduled game nights:

Friday April 30th

The games will begin at 7:30 pm. For more information, please contact Michelle Hunt (brian.michelle.zb@gmail.com).

YAYA⁺ Band

Today is the due date for the recording of YAYA+ Praise Band. Please submit your recording to Denis Belton (denisbelton@gmail.com) by today. Any other inquiries and communication for the praise band, contact Michelle Hunt (brian.michelle.zb@gmail.com).

YUM Ukulele Class

YUM offers free virtual ukulele classes for adults. If you have your own ukulele, that is great. If not, YUM has 10 ukuleles to borrow. The class will be offered through Zoom 8 – 8:30 p.m. on April 26(Mon.), April 29(Thurs.), May 3, May 6, May 10, May 13, May 17, May 20. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Lee or the church office by next Sunday (April 25th).

Working Group for Seniors Program

The three people volunteered for the working group: Sandra Kirby (King City), Linda Davis (New Hope), and Deb Carpenter (York Pines). Please let them know your ideas and thoughts for the community based seniors programs.

York Pines Anniversary

York Pines will celebrate it's 55 anniversary Sunday May 16. Guest speaker will be Rev. Ross Carson.

York Pines Book Club

Next Book Club: Wednesday April 28th, 7:00 p.m.

We will select Literature and dates for the next sessions. We welcome suggestions; please send to the church email: yorkpinesuc@gmail.com

Thanks to all who participated during the past year as we adapted to a Zoom platform.

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.

Reading & Writing Isaiah (Daily Devotionals)

"While physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way." (1Timothy 4:8) Let's write our journal with the Bible verses every day as a form of individual spiritual exercises. Handwriting the verses given and your own short reflection time are encouraged. The Bible passages are provided each week in the bulletin.

- Monday, April 19 – Isaiah 51:15-16
- Tuesday, April 20 – Isaiah 52:6
- Wednesday, April 21 – Isaiah 52:7
- Thursday, April 22 – Isaiah 52:10
- Friday, April 23 – Isaiah 53:2-3
- Saturday, April 24 – Isaiah 53:4-5

YUM Calendar (April-May)

April 18	Earth Sunday, King City UC Zoom Gathering YAYA+ Praise Band recording due
April 19	The Oversight Team Meeting
April 20	Seniors Program Working Group

April 21	New Hope UC Council Meeting
April 25	King City UC Council Meeting
April 26	York Pines UC Zoom Gathering
April 28	Ukulele Class
April 30	Book Club – <i>All</i> are welcomed.
	YAYA Game Nights

Worship Schedule

	April 18	April 25	May 2	May 9
Preacher	Rick McKinley	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Dr. Bill Fritz	Rev. Andrew Lee
Location	King City UC	York Pines UC	New Hope UC	King City UC
Announcements	Sheryl Sinka	Christine Gunter	<i>Thom Stenson</i>	
Scripture Reading	Maria Ongaro	Deb Carpenter	<i>Dahlia Buchanan</i>	
Choir	John Kell	Brenda & Christine	YAYA+ Praise Band	
Music Director	Rosemary DeSilva	Ted Anderson	Sunny Rakovac	
Church	Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5	Easter 6
UCC/YUM Calendar	Earth Sunday	Camping Sunday	Asian Heritage Month 1	Asian Heritage Month 2
Liturgical Color	Gold or White	Gold or White	Gold or White	Gold or White



Broadview Magazine Takes Top Honours

The United Church sends huge congratulations to Broadview Magazine, named **top magazine and website** by the *Canadian Christian Communicators Association (CCCA)* and **top magazine** by the *Associated Church Press (ACP)* at two different ceremonies last week. A number of United Church writers were recognized for their work, including former Moderator David Giuliano and General Council staff members Trisha Elliott and Adele Halliday. Thank you to everybody at Broadview for your excellent work!

Changes for Broadview Magazine

As of the April/May 2021 issue, *Broadview* will be changing its print frequency from 10 issues to 8 issues per year. This is a cost-saving measure that many magazines have undertaken in recent years as the publishing industry adapts to change.

Your group's subscribers will still receive all of the issues that remain from their last order for 10 issues. When your next renewal forms are sent, the term will change to 8 issues.

The price for a group subscription is the same — just \$25.00 per year. That's 55% better than the newsstand price!

Contact your Church Administrator to subscribe or renew your subscription.