

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

*A Vibrant, Caring, Christian Family
Proclaiming the Good News of God's Love
Through Jesus Christ!*

November 7, 2021
Remembrance Day Service
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
(* Please rise as you are able)**
(Words in **Bold** said by all)

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: "Consolation" F. Mendelssohn

Welcome, Life & Work with King City UC

The Lighting of the Worship Candle

Call to Worship

One: Who are we, gathered in this place?

We are followers of Christ, the Prince of Shalom.

One: And what is this shalom?

Peace with justice, a peace that is right, God's peace.

One: Why are we here?

To remind ourselves that we are an important part of shalom—in our relationships, in our communities, in our world.

One: Then come, let us gather. Let us worship the Holy One and let us prepare ourselves to carry God's peace into God's world. ¹

*****Hymn: "All Praise to You" #297 VU**

**1 All praise to you, O God of all creation:
you made the world, and it is yours alone.
The planet earth you spun in its location
amid the stars adorning heaven's dome.
We lease the earth but for a life's duration,
yet for this life it is our cherished home.**

¹ Written by Richard Bott, Vancouver, B.C. Gathering, Pentecost-2 2021, 45-46.

- 2 **With wondrous grace you clothed the earth in splendour;
with teeming life you filled the sea and land.
Instil in us a sense of awe and wonder
when we behold the bounty of your hand.
Then when we hear the voice of bird or thunder,
we hear the voice our faith can understand.**
- 3 **To tend the earth is our entrusted duty,
for earth is ours to use and not abuse.
O gracious God, true source of all resources,
forgive our greed that wields destruction's sword.
Then let us serve as wise and faithful stewards
while earth gives glory to creation's Lord.**

Opening Prayer²

Remember the suffering of the world. Remember the sacrifice of the soldiers, civilians, and peacemakers. Remember the Holy Spirit, who leads us into the ways of peace and light. We celebrate your presence, Holy One, and live for a world made holy. Amen.

Words of Grace

Sisters and brothers, the news is good and it is for you; in Jesus Christ, all our failings are washed away; our thirst for goodness is quenched. Remember your beloved days and be glad.

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

#18 MV

**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: A 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.***

² Written by Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost-2 2021, 46.

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: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

S. Miller

Reading: In Flanders Field

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Words of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

((*Minute of Silence*))

We will remember them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O God, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the righteous, through your great mercy, rest in peace. Amen.

***** Hymn**

"O Canada"

#524 VU

**O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

Prayer for Illumination

By the power of your Holy Spirit startle us with your Word, O God, and awaken us to your truth, for Jesus' sake. Amen

Scripture Readings

Hebrew 9:23-28, Christ's Sacrifice Takes Away Sin

²³ Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

This is word of the witness of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Response:

"Spirit of Life"

#381 VU

**Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in 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 Child in All of Us

Sermon

"Once For All"

The Rev. Andrew K. Lee

Music for Silent Reflection

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Invitation: Freely we have received; freely we give now. With joyful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

*****Offertory Hymn: *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"* #543 VU, vs 1**

**We give thee but thine own
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.**

... WITH FAITH OPEN TO THE WEEK AHEAD ...

Pastoral 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*****Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers"**

#580 VU

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
whene'er we hear that glorious word:
faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.**

- 2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real:
faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.**

- 3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright:
faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.**

- 4 Faith born of God, O call us yet;
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.**

*****Commissioning / Benediction**

*****Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

Christ has been with us sharing the light of life.

He says to us, "You are the light of the world. Let your light shine."

**We go forth taking with us the light of Christ in our hearts, and
we promise to let it shine in the world through our good works,
to the glory of God. Amen.**

Postlude: "Soldiers of Christ Arise"

L. Smith

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Visitation - Rev. Andrew Lee is offering pastoral visitation in the winter season. He will bring stories, scriptures, hymns, and prayers. If you are comfortable and interested, please contact your church office or Rev. Lee.

Choir practice has resumed on Thursdays at 7 p.m. All government protocols will be followed including social distancing. New members are welcome to join.

Volunteers for Worship - Pulpit Assistants, and Offering Counters for all dates in 2021. Call the office if you can help.

Offering - Thank you for sending your offerings to the church. 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

Ukulele Gathering for Christmas Carols - YUM will offer 3 Ukulele lessons for Christmas Carols in November - December. The gatherings will be both virtual and actual formats. Contact Rev. Lee (416-999-5615 or leeky3@mcmaster.ca) for free registration by Nov.14.

Time - 3 times, TBN

Location - King City United Church Chapel Room

Registration - Free

The format of the lesson will be both online and onsite. A few free quality ukuleles are available and will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

Book Club - The York Pines Book Club resumed their monthly Zoom meetings. You are welcome to join the club: please contact York Pines United Church at 905-727-8118.

Nov. 24, 2021 - ***Indians on Vacation*** by Thomas King
Facilitator: Brenda Walker

On-line Auction

New Hope UC is looking for new or gently used items. Please speak to Linda Davies or Michelle Hunt.

Frozen Meals

New Hope UC has a selection of frozen dishes still available for sale. If interested, speak to either Linda Davis or Michelle Hunt for details.

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).

Minute for Mission

“The grinding equipment helped me increase my income by 40 percent.”

One of the things we can do to promote peace is share what we have to ensure that everyone has enough. That’s why your generosity through Mission & Service supports economic development programs that offer things like micro-loans and business training and support to purchase equipment.



Leila presses carob paste thanks to new grinding equipment provided by Mission & Service partner the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees.

Credit: DSPR

Leila Basheer is a 46-year-old mother of five who lives in a village in the northwestern part of the West Bank in Palestine. Leila’s husband is in poor health, which makes it hard to get by. Since she was a child, Leila has been preserving carob paste, which helps with upset stomach. Four years ago, as her family struggled, she had the idea to sell her carob paste. But processing it by hand is labour-intensive so she turned to DSPR—the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees—for help.

“As I made some profit from local sales, I decided to expand. DSPR helped me out with buying grinding equipment that facilitated making carob paste enormously,” she says.

The outcome is amazing. Not only can Leila produce high-quality paste but her income has also grown. “The grinding equipment helped me increase my income by 40 percent. I look forward to buying a second grinding machine, this time to produce tomato paste,” says Leila.

Palestinians in the West Bank are subject to complex systems of control. These systems of control include physical barriers like the Separation Wall, checkpoints, and roadblocks, and bureaucratic ones like permits and closure of areas. These restrict Palestinians’ right to freedom of movement. The Israeli occupation has confiscated thousands of dunums (1 dunum = 1,000 square metres) of land from Palestinian farmers to build illegal settlements, bypass roads, and build the Separation Wall. Moreover, the checkpoints, roadblocks, and crop destruction create extreme challenges for farmers attempting to reach their land and their markets.

Every step we take to support families like Leila’s brings us a step closer to peace and justice. Thank you for your generosity through Mission & Service.

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