

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

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

October 24, 2021 Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost Peace Sunday

(*** Please rise as you are able. Words in **Bold** said by all.)

...WITH OPEN DOORS...

Prelude: *"Prelude in C"* **H. Purcell**

Welcome, Life and Work with King City UC

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed!
Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.
We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord,
who makes and sustains all things.

***Opening Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

#334 VU

**All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,**

Refrain: **and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

**O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace** *Refrain*

**Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod, *Refrain***

**Let every tongue and every tribe,
responsive to the call,
to him all majesty ascribe *Refrain***

**O that, with all the sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall,
join in the everlasting song, *Refrain***

Opening Prayer

O God, you show us the way of servanthood. You have given us much so that we can bless others and not seek gratification for ourselves. Help us to seek your path and keep us in humility so that we can be the light of Christ in the world. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the mercy of our Lord.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and gentle God,
we confess that we have wanted reward without sacrifice.
We have hesitated to serve and
have not humbled ourselves in obedience.
Forgive our hubris, gracious God.
Correct our ignorant ways
and help us to know your glory through servanthood.
Guide us to be true followers of your way,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Words of Grace

Rev. Andrew K. Lee

People of God, your sins are forgiven, for the Lord who made all things knows our weaknesses. Therefore, turn away from sin and obey the ways of the Lord. Come closer to the Word of God.

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:

We Listen for the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

O God, your Word gives us counsel for our understanding. Enable us to receive it today, in the name of your son, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:35-45 The Request of James and John

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking.

Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹ They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

This is the Word of Jesus Christ.

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 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 Children in All of Us

Reflection: "Spiritual Freedom to Be Bridled"

Rev. Andrew K. Lee

Music for Silent Reflection:

We Respond to God's Word

The Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

Invitation: God is ever faithful and has blessed us with so much. With grateful hearts, let us offer back to God what we have, with love and thanksgiving.

Offertory

***Doxology:**

#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.**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (in unison):**

**Gracious God, we offer you our time, efforts, tears, joy and
love. Multiply them so that they might help build your
Sovereignty on earth and be of service to the body of Christ, in
whose name we pray. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People and 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.**

We Go Forth to Live as Christians in the World

***Closing Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me" (#567 VU)**

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

***Choral Blessing: "May the God of Hope Go with Us"**

424 VU (verse 1 and refrain)

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

*****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: "Minuet in B Flat"

W. Mozart

Announcements

Worship Service

King City United Church host our own worship service all Sundays, using public health guidelines. For those who cannot come to church, the sermon transcript is provided at our website: <http://www.kcuc.net/>

Next Worship Service

Rev. Bruce Roffey will lead the next Sunday worship service.

Baptism

People who want their/their descendants' infant baptism, confirmation, or baptism, please let the office know.

YAYA - YTB Q-Box Series

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL772mvVOna2VqaLImkQsNw?view_as=subscriber.

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).

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

Worship Schedule

	Oct. 24	Oct. 31
Preacher	Rev. Andrew K. Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey
Announcement		
Scripture Reading		
King City Calendar		
UCC Calendar	Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost Peace Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost Reformation Sunday
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green

Minute for Mission by Mission & Service

Maina Bai's mother died when she was a baby, and Maina never went to school.

When she was just 10 years old, her father married her off to an older man. By 16, she had a child. A few years after the birth of her daughter, her

husband died. When she returned to her maternal home, Maina was married off—again.

After a few years of marriage, Maina became a widow again. Single, she faced extraordinary stigma.

Approximately 2.18 million single women like Maina live in the state of Rajasthan, India. Whether they are widowed, divorced, or have never been married, these women are deemed “incomplete” and a disgrace to their families. As a result, many live lives marked by stigma, fear, and violence—simply for not being married.

In 1986, The United Church of Canada partnered with Astha Sansthan, an organization that empowers marginalized individuals to advocate for their needs. In 1999, Astha Sansthan launched the Association of Strong Women Alone (ASWA), which your Mission & Service gifts support. Immediately, 450 single women joined. Today, there are more than 70,000 members. ASWA’s approach is simple: Create a safe space for single women to come together and get the knowledge and skills necessary to improve their lives. The association has made all the difference for Maina.

She can now read and write and is empowering other women to become literate. Because of her leadership, 35 women have enrolled in adult learning. All of them now have grade eight certificates. What’s more, the generational cycle of illiteracy has been broken. Maina’s daughter can not only read and write but is also teaching others to do the same.

Your Mission & Service gifts empower women like Maina to be agents of change within their communities. Thank you for your generosity.

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