

**YORK UNITED MINISTRIES  
SUNDAY MAY 30, 2021  
TRINITY SUNDAY  
AT KING CITY UNITED CHURCH**

**Bold** print indicates a congregational response  
\*please stand if able

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Prelude: "*Children of the Heavenly Father*" E. Broughton**

**Words of Welcome**

**Life and Work of our Church**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

The Lord is holy and mighty over all Creation!  
The Lord speaks and summons all the earth to listen!  
The heavens proclaim the justice of the Lord!  
God will gather all His people and show them grace!

**\*Opening Hymn: "*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*" VU 315**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.**  
**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed trinity!**

## **Opening Prayer**

Holy, Holy, Holy, God  
Father, Son, and Spirit, break open our hearts and reveal our tenderest  
selves; make your home in us as we make our home in you. Amen

**Response: "Psalm 29"**

**VU 756**

**Glory, glory, glory to our God.**

## **Words of Assurance**

This is the Good News in Jesus Christ:  
God loves us more than we love ourselves.  
God set us free to love others.  
Thanks be to God.

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## **\*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. 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: "Bless This House"**

**Music: May Brahe**  
**Words: Helen Taylor**  
**Solo: John Kell**

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

O God, open our hearts and minds  
By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
That as the scriptures are read  
And your Word is proclaimed,  
We may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen

### **Scripture Reading**

#### **John 3: 1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Words 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**

**Reflection: "The Gospel in Miniature" - 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.' Lord, all that we have in this world, it is You who has provided  
we ask you to bless all the gifts that have been given to this church:  
on the plate, by par, or however they have been received. May they be used to further the work in these communities and throughout the world.

**\*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.**

**Prayers of the People**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the beginning of another long summer. We thank you for the warmth of the days, the birds that sing, the flowers and trees, and the calming of our lakes and rivers. We thank you for all the ways your creation gives you praise. In spite of the Pandemic, your world

is still a pretty nice place to be. We do remember today, those who have felt this pandemic in a difficult way: those in Nursing Homes, those who have been in hospital and all who have had our lives disrupted and locked in our homes. Be with those that work on the front lines: Nurses, doctors, industries that are necessary to keep us healthy and fed. Be with those who collect the trash, those who drive big trucks. We pray for all people....for all people have been affected. We pray that soon there will be an end to all the strife that has been caused and that soon we will be able to hug those we love and visit with friends and family.

Lord we pray for this church of ours, we pray for those in leadership positions. We pray for the two ministers...for Andrew as he carries a larger load and we pray for Bruce as he recuperates from his surgery. We pray that he will have a full recovery. Be with each member of this church as they strive to live in your ways and be faithful to you.

We pray for the leaders of our country. We pray you will give them wisdom and compassion as they lead us through this tumultuous time. We pray for world peace and for an end to all friction between countries. Help us to live the way Jesus taught us to live...in love and peace.

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: "Teach me God to wonder" (VU 299)**

**1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;**

**let your world of beauty capture me.**

*Refrain:* **Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated, joy you give.**

**2 Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;  
let your world of people speak to me. R**

**3 Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,  
in your world of loving my place take. R**

**4 Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,  
see you in my neighbour when we meet. R**

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth  
Commissioning:**

Go today, strengthened in your faith,  
Go encouraged, to resist evil.  
Go heartened, to proclaim Christ.  
Go softened, to see God in all people.  
Go sheltered, for God's Holy Spirit is with you.

**Benediction:**

And now may God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest and abide with  
each one of us. Amen

**Postlude: "Prelude in C"**

**J. Bach**



**York United Ministries Announcements**

*The flowers this morning are placed by Rosemary Karunaratne,  
in loving memory of her sister, Winifred*

**Zoom Gathering**

Zoom Gatherings have been suspended for at least the next couple of weeks. Thus, there will be no zoom coffee time for King City today.

## **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/UCL772mvVOna2VqaLImkQsNw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL772mvVOna2VqaLImkQsNw?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.

## **YUM Ukulele Class**

The 8 virtual lessons were well attended and went well. The participants are preparing a special song for the worship service. The following lessons for the people who are comfortable in daytime are arranged: June 7, 10, 14, 17 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## **YAYA - YTB Q-Box Series**

Q-Box Series are being updated. YAYA people, please check the YUM YouTube channel. Rev. Andrew responded to the question: "Where did the stories of the Bible come from? What would they have been written on- how were they passed down?"

## **Visitation Worship**

Rev. Andrew Lee is offering pastoral visitation with a short worship service. With proper physical distance, 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.

## **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, May 31 – Isaiah 62:3
- Tuesday, June 1 – Isaiah 62:11
- Wednesday, June 2 – Isaiah 63:9
- Thursday, June 3 – Isaiah 63:17
- Friday, June 4 – Isaiah 64:5a
- Saturday, June 5 – Isaiah 64:8

## 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](mailto:kcuc@bellnet.ca); [yorkpinesuc@gmail.com](mailto:yorkpinesuc@gmail.com); [newhopeunited@bellnet.ca](mailto:newhopeunited@bellnet.ca).

## YUM Calendar (May-June)

May 31	Oversight Team Meeting, 7:30 pm
June 1	York Pines UC Counsel Meeting
June 19	Food Bank at York Pines UC
June 22	New Hope UC Counsel Meeting

## Worship Schedule

	May 30	June 6	June 13	June 20
Preacher	<b>Rick McKinley</b>	<b>Rev. Andrew Lee</b>	<b>Rev. Bill Fritz</b>	<b>Rev. Andrew Lee</b>
Location	King City UC	York Pines UC	New Hope UC	King City UC
Announcements	Sheryl Sinka	Suzanne Svadjian		
Scripture Reading	Maria Ongaro	Deb Carpenter		
Choir	John Kell	Brenda Walker & Christine Gunter	YAYA+ Praise Band	
Music Director	Rosemary Karunaratne	Ted Anderson	Sunny Rakovac	Rosemary Karunaratne
Recording	May 28(Fri.) at 10:30	June 3 (Thurs.) at 10:30		
Church	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>Second After Pentecost</b>	<b>Third After Pentecost</b>	<b>Fourth After Pentecost</b>
UCC/YUM Calendar	<b>Asian Heritage Month 5 Environment Sunday</b>	<b>Union Sunday</b>		
Liturgical Color	<b>White/Gold</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Red</b>

## Minute for Mission by Mission & Service

*Thank you for supporting outdoor ministries through Mission & Service.*

No children have died falling out of a tree, at least not in the 17 years statistics have been gathered. In fact, the leading cause of death of children is car accidents. While some parents fear letting their children play outside, the same parents think nothing of strapping their children into a car.



Over the last 35 years, attitudes have shifted. Increased screen time, along with fears about playground injuries and child abduction, mean that only a third of Canadian school-aged children get the exercise they need. As a result, childhood obesity, anxiety, and depression have soared. Getting outside is good for our kids.

That's why the United Church runs camps across the country. Today, your [Mission & Service](#) donations support approximately 25 United Church camps in Canada.

Overall, approximately 20,000 children attend a United Church camp each year. In COVID times, many of these camps have [pivoted to continue offering services](#) and encourage kids to get outside.

On Environment Sunday, we often focus on what we can do to reduce our personal footprint and to advocate for changes to social policies, particularly ones that impact climate change. Without a doubt, we need to do more to care for the world God made.

But Environment Sunday is also a good time to stop and appreciate how the created world takes care of us. As [Bill Darnell](#), one of the founders of Greenpeace says: "The environment doesn't need us. It can get along without us. We need it."



Let's pause today and give thanks for all the ways the natural world sustains us, and especially our children. Specifically, we give thanks for the confidence, creativity, and imagination nature builds. For the sense of responsibility it creates. For the stimulation it provides. For the mental and physical health it promotes. For the wonder it inspires.

And we give thanks for all of our camps.

And for you.

*Thank you for supporting outdoor ministries through [Mission & Service](#). Your gifts help our children—and all of us —breathe more deeply.*

Mission & Service lead the Rev. Trisha Elliott and her son Aidan climbing trees. Neither fell out.  
*Credit: Trisha Elliott/The United Church of Canada*