

**ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the Maker all your days!**

Words of Assurance

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and accepted.
Thanks be to God!

Response *"Jesus, You Fill Our Hearts"* **MV 101**
**Jesus, you will our hearts with your love,
Our minds with your peace
And our lives with your joy.**

***Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed** **VU 918**
**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: *"As the Deer Pants for the Water"* **M. Nystrom**
Solo: Tobi Baumhard

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

For the Young at Heart

Response: *"Dance With the Spirit"* **MV 156**
**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit through-out the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way!**

Prayer for Illumination

Your Word is our wisdom; it gives us insight, strength, and courage. Open our hearts and our minds on this day, that we might receive what you want to give.

Speak, Lord! Your people listen! **Amen.**

Scripture Reading:

James 3:13-4:3

Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Response: "River Running in You and Me" MV 163 (sung twice)
River running in you and me, Spirit of life, deep mystery,
dancing down to the holy sea, River run deep, River run free.

Sermon: "A Balanced Faithful Life -2" Rev. Padre Andrew K. Lee

Time for Silent Reflection with Music

... WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ...

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation" VU 227**
For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

***Prayer of Dedication (Altogether)**

Our great Gardener,
we are like trees planted by streams of water
that yield their fruit in season and prosper in you.
We are grateful for all that you have provided,
and we dedicate our first fruits to you
and to the work of your church. Amen.

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. 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.

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

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

VU 580

- 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**

***Choral Blessing: "O Lord My God"**

VU 238, v.1

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!**

***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 G"

L Beethoven

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Orange Shirts Day Sunday

Today we celebrate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

New Office Hours

Our Office Administrator, Kristen Doyle, will now be working both in the church office and remotely from home. Starting this week, the Church Office hours are Wednesday 12 – 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Offering

Collection plates can be found on the table in the entranceway or at the back of the Sanctuary. Please consider joining PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance), mailing a cheque to the church or setting up an e-transfer to kcuc@bellnet.ca. Your support is much appreciated.

Visitation

Rev. Andrew is available to members who want pastoral visitation at your house, at the church or to meet at another place such as a coffee shop. Please contact Rev. Andrew at 416-999-5615 to arrange a time and place.

Apple Picking

YUM is planning to gather for apple picking on Saturday, October 5th. Participants will be gathering at Royal Orchards (3105 16th Sideroad, King City, ON L7B 1A3). For the details, please contact Rev. Andrew.

Worship Schedule

Date	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Preacher	Scott Martin	Rev. Andrew Lee	Scott Martin	Rev. Andrew Lee
Church Year	Creation Times 5	Thanksgiving Communion	Twenty Second after Pentecost	Twenty Third after Pentecost
Liturgical Colour	Orange	Green	Green	Green
YUM/UCC Calendar	Oct. 5 th (Sat.) Apple Picking			

Mission & Service Stories

*Update: Pastors Retreat—Respite and Reflection
Your response has been profound and powerful.*

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A short while ago, we shared that a Pastors Retreat is being planned for October of 2024. This retreat will provide badly needed respite for northern United Church ministers who are facing a crisis.

The number of deaths in their northern communities has been immense. The grief of burying community members, especially young people, has been overwhelming. The emotional toll of ministering to a grieving community is enormous.

Your response has been profound and powerful. When we shared that leaders are in dire need of rest and renewal, you went into action. Thanks to your generous and outstanding support of Mission and Service, this retreat is going to be a reality.

The retreat will provide rest, training in crisis management, and spiritual renewal, and will allow leaders to return with renewed strength to help those in need. Pastors will participate in a blend of activities, including learning about vicarious trauma and experiencing relaxation opportunities through art therapy, beading workshops, and sharing circles.

Thank you for your expression of compassion through Mission and Service that has ensured that this retreat will move forward.