

and broad is God's path on the wings of the storm.

**3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
has stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**4 Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

Opening Prayer

Response: "Take, O Take Me as I Am" (Sung twice) 85 MV
**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

Words of Grace (based on Jeremiah 18: 1-11)

Response: "Don't Be Afraid" 90 MV
**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised,
promised to be always near.**

*****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.

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

For the Young at Heart

*****Hymn: "Sing a Happy Hallelujah"**

224 VU

**1 Sing a happy hallelujah,
sing it out with heart and style,
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.**

Refrain: **Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!**

**2 We're the proof of God's good humour,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly. *R***

**3 Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children,
so is life for us enhanced. *R***

**4 Every day sing hallelujah!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word! *R***

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Philemon 1-25 (pages 215-6, NT)

Sung Response: "Holy Sacred Spirit" (Sung twice) 15 MV

Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your breath on us.

Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your life in us.

Ministry of Music:

Sermon: "Making Up is Hard to Do"

The Rev. Bruce J. Roffey

Time for Silent Reflection

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*****Offertory Hymn: "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.

*****Prayer of Dedication**

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

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

959 VU

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever.**

*****Hymn: "God, as We Rise to Leave" 417 VU**

- 1 God, as we rise to leave this shell of worship,
called to the risk of unprotected living,
willing to be at one with all your people,
we ask for courage.**
- 2 For all the strain with living interwoven,
for the demands each day will make upon us,
and for the love we owe the modern city,
God, make us cheerful.**
- 3 Give us an eye for openings to serve you;
make us alert when calm is interrupted,
ready and wise to use the unexpected;
sharpen our insight.**
- 4 Lift from our life the blanket of convention;
give us the nerve to lose our life to others;
be with your church in death and resurrection,
God of all ages.**

*****Commissioning / Benediction** (based on Hebrews 12 and Philemon 25)

Go forth into the world aware that you go surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

**We go motivated by those who have gone before us to run
with perseverance the race set before us.**

Look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Through his strength, we will not grow weary or lose heart.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

May God bless each one of you. May God bless us all.

Amen.

*****Choral Blessing: "Go Now in Peace"**
Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*****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: "Gavotte" J. S. Bach

Announcements

Worship Schedule

Date	September 11th	September 18th	September 25th	October 2nd
Preacher	Rev. Bruce Roffey at New Hope and York Pines; Rick McKinley at King City	Rev. Bruce Roffey at King City; pulpit supply at New Hope and York Pines	Rev. Bruce Roffey at New Hope and York Pines; Rev. Andrew Lee at King City	Rev. Bruce Roffey
Location	YUM three-church schedule is resumed	YUM three-church schedule is resumed	YUM three-church schedule is resumed	King City
Church Year	Fourteenth after Pentecost	Fifteenth after Pentecost	Sixteenth after Pentecost	Seventeenth after Pentecost World Wide Communion Sunday
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green/White

YUM Calendar

Services return to the normal three-church schedule on September 11th.

Volunteers Needed

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for a Sunday to provide Coffee/Tea and Cookies for our social time after the service. Instructions for making tea and coffee are posted in the kitchen if you are not sure of how to make them.

In-Person and virtual Pastoral Counselling

Rev. Lee offers pastoral counseling and visitation. Please contact Rev. Lee (leeky3@mcmaster.ca) to make an appointment.

York Pines Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be held on Wed., Sept. 21 at 7:00 pm. Book discussed will be "***The Thursday Murder Club***" by Richard Osman- Retirement Humour. Facilitator: Brenda Walker

Offering

Throughout the Covid pandemic we have not been taking up the offering as part of the service. Collection plates can be found on the table in the entranceway or at the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who has mailed a cheque to the church or sent an e-transfer using the church email address. Your offerings support the ministry of the church and we remind you that our expenses continue throughout the summer. Your support is much appreciated.

Minister's Vacation

Rev. Andrew Lee will return from vacation on September 18th.

Minute for Mission

"In this place you can sense God's presence immediately."



The mountains are reflected in the window of Waterton United Church.
Credit: Ruth Richardson

Canadian churches grace unique places: restaurants, storefronts, even movie theatres. Perhaps the most serene of all settings, though, is a national park.

Waterton United Church is situated in the heart of Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta. Although the United Church has had a presence in the park since 1955, the current building was dedicated in 1961. The cathedral window in the sanctuary, designed to frame the mountains, offers a breathtaking view.

“Architect George Watson framed Mount Vimy,” explains Carol Watt, chair of the Board of Trustees. “People who aren’t involved in the church but just stop to visit look out captivated by the view of the mountain over the lake. It’s a special thing that happens. It touches something deep within.”

Your gifts through Mission & Service help the church remain open year-round. In the summertime, Sunday services take place from late June through September with support from guest ministers. Other services are offered during high holy times throughout the year. Youth groups use the building as retreat space, and the chapel is a popular space for weddings. With a small room and kitchenette behind the sanctuary, the church also draws leaders who want to retreat.

“Providing space for spiritual reflection and retreat is an important aspect of the ministry we provide,” says Watt.

The Rev. Grant Dillenbeck and Ruth Richardson, now living in Ottawa, have been travelling to Waterton United Church for two decades, leading services and retreats. “The Spirit is in all places, but in this place you can sense God’s presence immediately. The actual building is built like a landscape. The flat roof is reminiscent of the prairies, and the peak is like the mountains. It is peaceful. Guest preachers offer experiences for the village and park guests in addition to members. We have led services and done theme discussion nights and forest church,” Richardson says.

“Waterton United offers a unique ministry to the wealth of summer visitors who flock happily into the national park and then find this gem of a United Church of Canada,” a

recent newsletter reads. Richardson agrees: "It is totally unique to other church experiences in Canada."

Thank you for supporting churches in remote places that witness in a unique way to the majesty and grace of God.