

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

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

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

(* Please rise as you are able)**

(Words in **Bold** said by all)

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: *"In Thee, Lord, I Have Put My Trust"* J.S. Bach

Welcome, Life & Work with King City UC

The Lighting of the Worship Candle

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness." This candle reminds us of the presence of Christ in our midst.

Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all God's benefits.

God is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is God's steadfast love toward all who fear God.

Come, let us bless God. Come, let us worship.

*****Hymn *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* VU 217**

**1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**2 O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**3 Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth rich blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,
let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**4 And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part:
sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and yield up all your care:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**5 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Opening Prayer

Words of Grace (1 Corinthians 10: 13)

"God is faithful and will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with temptation God will also provide the way of escape, so that you may be able to endure it." In the Spirit of Christ there is strength to say "No!" to all that tempts us and the power to say "Yes!" to God who calls us.
Thanks be to God.

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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: 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.***

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

Prayer for Illumination

Nurturing God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Exodus 3 and 4 select verses

This is the witness of Israel.

Thanks be to God for the Word.

Response: "Come, Come Emmanuel"

MV 11

Come, Come Emmanuel, Come Emmanuel! (twice)

Child in All of Us

Hymn: "Before You Now, O God"

VU 511

- 1 Before you now, O God, your servants stand
in answer to your call and Christ's command
to take the gospel with them everywhere,
till all creation knows your endless care.**

- 2 With diligence and love they shall proclaim
your living Word that breaks away our chains.
With reverence and with joy they'll bless and give
that ministry of hope by which we live.**

- 3 God, who are we that you still choose and bless,
guide, lead, and feed us through all wilderness?
Give them the strength to rise from every fall.
Confirm with burning hearts this answered call.**

- 4 Arise, O God, in power and in might.
Lift up your countenance and give us light!
Your saints shall sing with joy what they profess.
Now clothe each one, O God, with righteousness.**

Ministry of Music: "Mazurka"

F. Chopin

Sermon

"Portrait of a Call"

The Rev. Bruce J. Roffey

Music for Silent Reflection

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*****Offertory Hymn: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" VU 543, v.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.**

*****Offertory Prayer (Unison)**

**Gracious God, bless and transform all that we offer:
our faltering steps, our brokenness, our hope, our risking, our
hearts, that your covenant may be written on our hearts, and
we may be a blessed and transformed covenant people. In
Jesus name. Amen.**

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.

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

*****Hymn: *"We Have This Ministry"***

VU 510

- 1 We have this ministry
 and we are not discouraged;
it is by God's own power
 that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's word,
 speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world
 may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.**

- 2 O Christ, the tree of life,
 our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower
 when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,
 called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts,
 the young and old a place.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.**

- 3 The yoke of Christ is ours,
 the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross,
 the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve,
 wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,
 we die and rise again.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.**

*****Commissioning / Benediction**

Giving and Sustaining God: we experience your compelling call to undertake this Lenten journey.

**We hear your voice inviting us on this journey;
we trust in your presence with us on the way.**

Guide and support us as we go.

**Inspire us to follow Christ in worship, and in witness;
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey; may the Spirit of wisdom give us vision for the road; may the love of Christ make us caring companions; as together we go forth in the Lenten time.

Amen.

*****Choral Prayer: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"
121 VU (verse for 3rd Sunday of Lent)**

**Living Water of salvation,
be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole,
flow in us and make us whole.**

*****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 D Minor"

J. S. Bach



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship services

King City UC worships at 10:00 in-person. Worship Schedule follows:

Date	March 27 th	April 3 rd	April 10 th	April 17 th
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey
Music Director	Rosemary Karunaratne	Rosemary Karunaratne	Rosemary Karunaratne	Rosemary Karunaratne
Church Year	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Palm/Passion Sunday	Easter
Liturgical Colour	Purple	Purple	Purple	White

YUM Calendar

March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Oversight Team Meeting

“Writing Green, Living Lent” - Spiritual Exercises in Lent

In Lent, we will have spiritual exercises of writing down selected Bible verses and taking actions for the creation, celebrating God’s mystery and love in creation. This spiritual exercise is designed to respond to the current ecological crisis and to practice the way Christians react. It includes helpful scientific facts and statistics. Please find the details in the separate sheets at the end of this bulletin. At the end of Lent, please hand in your sheets to celebrate your participation.

In-Person Pastoral Counselling

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

York Pines Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7 p.m. They will be discussing the book “Butterfly Kills” by Brenda Chapman. The facilitator for this meeting will be Linda Davies. If you are interested in joining the Book Club contact York Pines United Church by sending an email to yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or calling 905-727-8118.

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 to the church email address.

Message from UCC - Prayers for Ukraine

News reports of the invasion of Ukraine stir both our hearts and our conscience. As people of faith, The United Church of Canada holds in prayer all those facing fear and violence and seeks the immediate cessation of war. We think of those in the direct line of fire, particularly already marginalized people who are so vulnerable to the devastation of ongoing conflict. We are also deeply concerned for Ukrainian members within our communities of faith and Ukrainian communities across our land—our neighbours—in constant worry for family and friends.

We invite our communities of faith to continue to hold the people of the region in prayer. We also invite you to explore whether there is a Ukrainian Catholic church, Ukrainian Orthodox church, or Ukrainian community centre close to you to whom you might write a letter of concern and solidarity. We will continue to update this website and our social media channels with any developments.

“End the War Now”: Korean Peace Appeal

UCC is officially hosting the Ten Thousand Signature Campaign for the Korean Peace Appeal. The Korean War began in 1950. While open clashes ceased in 1953 with the signing of an armistice, a peace treaty has not yet been established and the war is not over. For more than 70 years the Korean people have endured a constant state of hostility and war, which has solidified the division of the peninsula.

The Korea Peace Appeal is a global campaign that seeks to collect 100 million signatures by 2023, the 70th anniversary of the armistice. The National Council of Churches in Korea has challenged The United Church of Canada to add Ten Thousand Signatures by the summer of 2022.

Join with Korean partners and all who seek peace on the Korean Peninsula, the region, and the world. In adding your signature to the petition, you are saying:

- End the Korean War and establish a peace agreement.
- Create a Korean Peninsula and a world free from nuclear weapons and nuclear threat.
- Resolve the conflict with dialogue and cooperation instead of sanctions and pressure.

- Break from the vicious cycle of the arms race and invest in human security and environmental sustainability.

Please visit the URL for the sign the petition:

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/korea-peace-appeal>

The next **blood bank clinic** will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd, from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Trisan Centre, 25 Dillane Drive, Schomberg

Minute for Mission

Nothing prepares us to lose the people we love most in the world. Lisa's husband Steve was in and out of palliative care for years.

"It was a difficult journey. He wasn't ready to leave this life," Lisa says. "The week before he died he said, 'I'll surprise you yet. You'll see me walking around that circle with my cane.' But that didn't happen."

After Steve died, Lisa attended a widows' support circle facilitated by ORA, a Mission & Service partner. ORA, named after a Maori word meaning "life," helps people move through grief and loss using workshops and support circles.

"Hearing the stories and wisdom shared, the laughter and the tears, brought me to a place where I felt comfortable in sharing a bit of my own pain and my own journey. And there was this sense of solidarity in our pain. Because being a widow is a different kind of loss than losing a parent, a child, or a friend," Lisa says.

In the widows' group, there was an understanding that surpassed words.

"The support helped me work through things like 'What do I do with the wedding ring now?' Do you still wear it? Do you not wear it? And on a practical level, do you change the sheets because you can still smell your partner on the sheets? The first time you have to check that box on the government form, that you are no longer a Mrs. but a widow, I just burst into tears. ORA, just like other outreach ministries we have, is a tangible way of showing faith in action."

Your gifts through Mission & Service help people like Lisa rebuild their lives after loss. "At one of the most difficult times of my life, your generosity through Mission & Service provided care, love, and comfort. Indeed, we are not alone. We live in God's world. Thank you for your support," says Lisa.