

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

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

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(* Please rise as you are able)**

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

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude:

"Prelude"

H. Purcell

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

*****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 Assurance

Response: "Christ Is Risen from the Dead" VU 167, Easter verse
Christ is risen from the dead, glory, hallelujah!
Christ is risen from the dead, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus Christ is risen, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus Christ is risen, glory, hallelujah!

***** 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 ...

For The Child in All of Us

Hymn: "Come, Let Us Sing" VU 222

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.**
- 2 O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.**
- 3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.**
- 4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings John 13: 31-35
1 John 4: 9-16

These are the words of life, which in faith become the Living Word!
Thanks be to God.

Response: "Spirit of the Living God"

VU 376, vs 1

- 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Ministry of Music:

Sermon: "The New Commandment" The Rev. Bruce J. Roffey

Music for Silent Reflection

*****Hymn: "O Christian, Love" VU 594**

- 1 O Christian, love your sister and your brother!
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
to worship rightly is to love each other,
each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.**
- 2 Follow with reverent steps the great example:
Jesus whose holy work was doing good;
so shall the wide earth seem a hallowed temple,
each loving life a psalm of gratitude.**
- 3 Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangour
of wild war-music o'er the earth shall cease;
love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
and in its ashes plant the tree of peace.**

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)**

**O God, you are the Easter One. You are the holy source of
resurrection. You are the shining spirit of life. We offer these
gifts in gratitude for hope returned, for the mystery of your
grace, and for the promise of resurrection. 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: *"God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness"* VU 260**

**1 God who gives to life its goodness,
 God creator of all joy,
God who gives to us our freedom,
 God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
 deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
 for the goodness of its King.**

**2 God who fills the earth with beauty,
 God who binds each friend to friend,
God who names us co-creators
 God who wills that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits,
 minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending
 all our acts by Love refined.**

*****Commissioning / Benediction**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

God sent Jesus into the world so that we might live through him and he might live in us. Through Jesus God loved the world.

We love because God loved us first. We live because God lives in us. And so we return to the world empowered to live and to love.

May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with his love, and fill you with joy in the faith.

Amen.

*****Choral Prayer: "May the God of Hope Go with Us" VU 424, vs 1**

**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:

"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship services

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

Date	May 22 nd	May 29 th	June 5 th	June 12 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	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday
Liturgical Colour	White	White	Red	White

YUM Calendar

May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Oversight Team Meeting

In-Person Pastoral Counselling

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

“Praise With Us!”

Let’s sing together! Please watch our YouTube channel. Our stories and songs will be uploaded continually. If you want to share your stories or songs, please contact Rev. Lee (leeky3@mcmaster.ca). While being invited, Rev. Lee offers a sing-a-long time.

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.