

# **KING CITY UNITED CHURCH**

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

**January 1, 2023**

**New Year's Day Sunday**

**YUM Joint Service**

**(\*\*\* Please rise as you are able)**

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

**... WITH OPEN DOORS ...**

**Prelude: "The Three Kings"**

**G. Young**

**Welcome, Life & Work with King City UC & YUM**

## **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." (*Isa. 9:2*) This candlelight reminds us of the coming of Jesus Christ in our midst.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Call to Worship**

**\*\*\*Hymn: "Arise Your Light Is Come"**

**VU 79**

- 1 Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God,  
which shines on you today.**
- 2 Arise, your light is come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.**
- 3 Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the broken-hearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.**

**4 Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Response: "Take, O Take Me as I Am" (Sung twice) MV 85**  
**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**

My friends! Jesus Christ came to help sinners, like us. He is our Saviour in all our distress, and it is his presence that saves us. Whoever confesses their sins will be forgiven and accepted.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Response: "Don't Be Afraid" MV 90**  
**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.**

**Ministry of Music: "A New Year's Prayer" Lois Myers Emig**

**... WITH OPEN MINDS ...**

**For the Young at Heart**

**Hymn: "Your Love Is Amazing" MV 26, led by YAYA Band  
Your love is amazing. Steady and unchanging.  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.  
Your love is a mystery. How You gently lift me.  
When I am surrounded, your love carries me**

**Refrain: Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah!  
Your love makes me sing!  
And Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah!  
Your love makes me sing!**

**Your love is surprising. I can feel it rising.  
All the joy that's growing. Deep inside of me.  
And every time I see You, all Your goodness shines  
through.  
And I can feel this God song rising up in me. *R***

**Your love is amazing. Steady and unchanging.  
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**Yes, You make me sing!  
Lord, You make me sing, sing, sing!  
How You make me sing!**

**Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah!**

**Your love makes me sing!  
And Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah!  
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### **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy One, your Word comes to us: Jesus Christ, Immanuel.  
Holy Wisdom, speak to us in the word read and proclaimed.  
Hearing, may we dream your dreams and faithfully follow  
wherever you lead. In your triune name we pray. **Amen.**

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14**

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- <sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness  
and your poor with justice.
- <sup>3</sup> May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup> May he live<sup>[a]</sup> while the sun endures  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- <sup>6</sup> May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.
- <sup>7</sup> In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- <sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
render him tribute;  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts.
- <sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.
- <sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.
- <sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy  
and saves the lives of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

## **Matthew 25: 31-46**

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

This is the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Response: Psalm 119 VU 840, R#5**  
**Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.**

## **Sermon: "A New Year – A New Future"**

**The Rev. Bruce Roffey**

### **Time for Silent Reflection**

### **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

#### **\*\*\*Offertory Hymn: "*In Gratitude and Humble Trust*" 544VU**

**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 (*Altogether*)**

**In this gifting season, O God,  
we are grateful for the gift of your dear Son,  
our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring.  
May they be used in the service  
of your grace and truth  
dwelling among us.  
In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.**

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

### **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.

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**\*\*\*Commissioning / Benediction**

**\*\*\*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: "Praise to the Lord Almighty" F. Ritter**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship Schedule**

<b>Church</b>	<b>January 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>January 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jan 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Jan 29<sup>th</sup></b>
New Hope	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee
King City	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey
York Pines	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee

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

**Bell Choir**

King City United is hoping to re-organize the Bell Choir next year. We need at least 7 players for the bell. All ages are welcomed. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Lee.

**Baptism**

A baptism has been arranged at King City UC on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Reports** - Please submit reports for the AGM to your church office as soon as possible.

### **King City United Church Sign**

At this time, there is no room in our budget for a new sign. Our council wishes to extend an invitation to our members to see if anyone wants to take on the task of pricing out the costs involved in a new church sign, and start the conversation of how we can fundraise to get a new sign made, and installed. If any members would like to take on this task, please reach out to Kristen and let her know you will be taking this on, and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to KCUC council.

### **York Pines Book Club**

The next Book Club meeting using Zoom and in-person at York Pines format will be on Wed., Jan. 18 at 10:00 a.m. The book for discussion is: "In a Sunburned Country" by Bill Bryson. It is travel literature about Australia. Christine Gunter will facilitate the discussion.

### **In-Person and virtual Pastoral Counselling/ mobile communion/ mobile baptism service**

Rev. Lee offers pastoral counseling and visitation including mobile communion and baptism. Please contact Rev. Lee ([leeky3@mcmaster.ca](mailto:leeky3@mcmaster.ca)) to make an appointment.

### **YAYA Praise Band**

YAYA gathers every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at New Hope UC and King City UC. Next practice will be Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) at New Hope UC. The band is looking for a donation of an amplifier for their bass guitar. Also they need good mentors and facilitators for the gathering. If you want to support the group, please contact Rev. Lee.

### **Minute for Mission**

#### **A Step Toward Peace**

"The grinding equipment helped me increase my income by 40 percent."

One thing we can do to promote peace is share what we have. Your generosity through Mission & Service supports economic development programs that offer micro-loans, business training, and support to purchase equipment. One place your donations matter is in Palestine.

Palestinians' freedom of movement in the West Bank is restricted by physical barriers like the Separation Wall, checkpoints, and roadblocks, and bureaucratic ones like permits and closure of areas. The Israeli occupation has confiscated more than 100,000 hectares of land from Palestinian farmers to build illegal settlements, bypass roads, and the Separation Wall. Checkpoints, roadblocks, and crop destruction create challenges for farmers attempting to reach their land and their markets.

Leila Basheer is a 46-year-old mother of five who lives in a village in the West Bank in Palestine. Her husband is in poor health. Since she was a child, Leila has been preserving carob paste, which helps with upset stomach. Four years ago, as her family struggled, she decided to sell her carob paste. But processing it by hand is labour-intensive, so she turned to the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees for help. The Department is supported by your Mission & Service donations.

"As I made some profit from local sales, I decided to expand. DSPR helped me buy grinding equipment that made making the paste much easier," she says.

"The grinding equipment helped me increase my income by 40 percent. I look forward to buying a second grinding machine, this time to produce tomato paste," says Leila.

Every step we take to support families like Leila's brings us a step closer to peace and justice. Thank you for your generosity through Mission & Service.