

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

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

October 30, 2022

All Saints Sunday

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

(* Please rise as you are able)**

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

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: "Meditation" (Hanover Part 1) W. Croft

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 Worship¹

We gather on this Sunday closest to All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day

to remember saints, past and present;

to receive the teachings they passed down to us;

to offer thanksgiving for their legacy of faith.

We gather on this Sunday closest to All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day

to worship the God of all generations!

Come, let us worship God.

¹ The Call to Worship was written by Catherine Elson, Sydenham Street U.C. & Faith U.C., Kingston, Ontario, **Gathering**, Pentecost 2 2022, page 46. Used with permission.

*****Hymn: "Your Hand, O God, Has Guided"**

274 VU

- 1 Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both to this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

- 2 Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the heavenly feast.
And this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

- 3 Through many days of darkness,
through many scenes of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard your people's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

- 4 And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**5 Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by earth and heaven,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

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 Psalm 32: 5)

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: "Jesus Bids Us Shine" 585 VU**

- 1 Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

- 2 Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

- 3 Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Luke 19: 1-10
Luke 6: 20-31

Response:

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

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: "River" G. Gilpin

Sermon: "What Can I Do About It?"
The Rev. Bruce J. Roffey

Time for Silent Reflection

*****Hymn: "For All the Saints" 705 VU (vs. 1, 2, 5, 6)**

**1 For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might:
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
as God to glory calls them all away.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest
coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

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**

... 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.**

*****Hymn: "We Turn to You" 685 VU**

- 1 We turn to you, O God of every nation,
giver of good and origin of life;
your love is at the heart of all creation,
your hurt is people's pain in war and death.**

- 2 We turn to you, that we may be forgiven
for crucifying Christ on earth again.
We know that we have never wholly striven
to share with all the promise of your reign.**

- 3 Free every heart from pride and self-reliance,
our ways of thought inspire with simple grace;
break down among us barriers of defiance,
speak to the soul of all the human race.**

**4 On all who fight on earth for right relations
we pray the light of love from hour to hour.
Grant wisdom to the leaders of the nations,
the gift of carefulness to those in power.**

**5 Teach us, good Lord, to serve the need of others,
help us to give and not to count the cost.
Unite us all, to live as sisters, brothers,
defeat our Babel with your Pentecost!**

*****Commissioning / Benediction**

(based on Isaiah 1: 17 and 2 Thessalonians 1: 11, 12)
Like the generations of the faithful that have gone this way
before us, go forth into the world learning to do good, seeking
justice, rescuing the oppressed, defending the powerless and
pleading for the abandoned.

We go asking God to make us worthy of God's call.

Be assured that God will fulfill every good resolve and work of
faith with God's power.

**We pray that the name of the Lord Jesus may be
glorified in us and we in him.**

May the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ be with
you 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: "Meditation" (Hanover Part 2) W. Croft

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Schedule

Date	November 6th	November 13th	November 20th	November 27th
Preacher	Sandra Kirby	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey
Church Year	Twenty-second after Pentecost Remembrance Day Sunday	Twenty-third after Pentecost	Reign of Christ Sunday	Advent 1
Liturgical Colour	Red/White	Green	White	Blue/Purple

Volunteers Needed at KCUC

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.

New Offering Envelopes

As options for tithing increases (PAR, eTransfer, Canada Helps) and in an effort to save both money and waste of paper, KCUC has decided to number your offering envelopes ourselves. Please contact Kristen at 905-833-5181 or kcuc@bellnet.ca to request envelopes and she will be happy to prepare some for you. When your supply gets low, please contact her for more.

Kristen can also set you up on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) if you would like to tithe as a monthly automatic Debit from your account.

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.

York Pines Lasagna Dinner – Wed., Nov. 2nd, 4:30 to 7 p.m.

York Pines is pleased to announce its fall lasagna dinner. In addition to lasagna, the menu includes garlic bread, Caesar salad and a chilled lemon dessert. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults in advance, or \$25.00 for adults at the door, \$5.00 for children ages 6 to 12 and no charge for children 5 and under. Call the church office at 905-727-8118 for dine-in or take-out tickets.

York Pines Book Club

The next Book Club meeting using Zoom and in-person at York Pines format will be on Wed., Nov. 16 at 10:00 a.m. The book for discussion is: "The Things We Cannot Say" by Kelly Rimmer. It is a WW II historical fiction novel. Linda Davies will facilitate the discussion.

New Hope Lunch and Games – Sat., Nov. 19th, 1 – 4 pm

Join New Hope for Soup and Sandwiches and an afternoon of games (board games, card games, or bring your own favorite games to share with friends). End the afternoon with a wonderful dessert from the dessert table. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance or at the door.

Minute for Mission

How can we be good soil for the love of Earth?



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An awakening. That's how Sarah Arthurs describes what she experienced just before she came up with the idea for "Green Exodus"—gatherings of people who find themselves falling deeply in love with Earth and want to help it flourish.

“Back in 2008, partly due to the influence of former Moderator the Very Reverend Bill Phipps, my family and I moved into Prairie Sky Cohousing Cooperative to maintain a smaller footprint on the earth,” explains Arthurs. She figured that with that, she had done her part.

“With the move, it was as if I said to the Earth, ‘Don’t call me—I’ll call you,’” she says. Then, in 2019, she read articles in *The Tyee* magazine by William Rees, originator of the carbon footprint model. “He described how technology was not going to save us from the destruction of climate change, and it was as if the Earth came calling! I was left with new awareness and big questions,” she says.

Those questions evolved into the idea for Green Exodus gatherings.

With help from an Embracing the Spirit grant supported through your Mission & Service gifts, the support of EDGE Network, and an advisory team,* Green Exodus meetings were born.

Throughout the pandemic, the group met online to explore the spiritual questions raised by climate change and the theologies and spiritual practices that were emerging as a result.

“We used various practices to realign our relationship with Earth. Things like meditation, poetry, contemplative photography, deep time walk, community conversations and hospitality,” she says, adding, “Tony Snow guided us in attention to land acknowledgment and the four elements (Fire, Air, Water, and Earth) as a way to ground ourselves in the Earth.”

Some of the practices used are highlighted on the website GreenExodus.ca. A key probing question runs through all of them: How can we be good soil for the love of Earth?

“You can only see as sacred what you love. You can only save what you love. We need to practise falling in love with Earth again,” says Arthurs.

Your gifts through Mission & Service support unique, transformative ministries like Green Exodus. Thank you for your generosity.

*Tony Snow, Indigenous Lead for Chinook Winds Regional Council; Beth Lorimer, Ecological Justice Program Coordinator at KAIROS; and Greg Wooley, minister of Ralph Connor Memorial United Church