

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

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

May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday after Ascension

(* Please rise as you are able)**

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

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: "Day by Day"

T. Kendall

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 John 14 and Luke 24)

Listen to the promise of Jesus, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth."

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Listen to the promise of Jesus before he ascended to God's right hand, "I am sending upon you what my Father promised."

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

"You know the Spirit, because the Spirit abides with you, and the Spirit will be among and in you."

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, let us worship God.

We come to worship God.

*****Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" # 376 VU**

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.**

- 2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

Opening Prayer

Words of Grace (based on Romans 8: 31-39)

**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: "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" # 189 VU
1 Hail the day that sees him rise, hallelujah!
taken from our wondering eyes, hallelujah!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, hallelujah!**

re-ascends his native heaven. Hallelujah!

**2 There the glorious triumph waits; hallelujah!
lift your heads, eternal gates; hallelujah!
Christ has conquered death and sin; hallelujah!
take the King of Glory in. Hallelujah!**

**3 Though returning to his throne, hallelujah!
still he calls the world his own; hallelujah!
him though highest heaven receives, hallelujah!
still he loves the world he leaves. Hallelujah!**

**4 See, he lifts his hands above, hallelujah!
see, he shows the prints of love, hallelujah!
hark, his gracious lips bestow, hallelujah!
blessing on his church below. Hallelujah!**

**5 Still for us he intercedes, hallelujah!
his prevailing death he pleads, hallelujah!
near himself prepares our place, hallelujah!
first-fruits of our human race. Hallelujah!**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Luke 24: 44-53 (page 91, NT)

Acts 1: 1-11 (page 118, NT)

Response:

These are the words of life, which in faith become the Living Word!

Thanks be to God.

Response: "Spirit of Life" #381 VU

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Ministry of Music:

Sermon: "Where Do We Go from Here?"

Time for Silent Reflection

*****Hymn: "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" # 336 VU**

**1 Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
daystar, in my heart appear.**

**2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.**

**3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*****Offertory Hymn: # 543 VU (verse 1)
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

**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.**

*****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: "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**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

The Spirit of Christ is with us!

Thanks be to God!

Through the Holy Spirit, the Helper, Christ is with us!

We are not alone!

The promises of Christ are trustworthy and true.

We trust the promises of Christ. Therefore, we go forth into the world without fear, to do something needful, to say something meaningful, to stand up and be counted.

God the Sender, send us. God the Sent, come with us. God the Strengthener of those who go, empower us, that we may go with you and find those who will call you Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Amen.

*****Choral Blessing: "May the God of Hope Go with Us"
424 VU (verse 1 and refrain)**

**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 Almighty"

F. Ritter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, York Pines UC is celebrating its Anniversary.

The month of May is Asian Heritage Month.

Worship services

King City UC worships at 10:00 in-person. Services can be viewed later on the church's YouTube channel.

Worship Schedule follows:

Date	June 5 th	June 12 th	June 19 th	June 26 th
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey
Church Year	Pentecost Sunday - Communion	Trinity Sunday	Second after Pentecost	Third after Pentecost
UCC/YUM calendar	Environment Sunday Union Sunday		World Refugee Sunday	Indigenous Sunday
Liturgical Colour	Red	Green	Green	Orange

King City and YUM Calendar

May 27-28, 12 to 5 p.m. - Shining Waters Regional Council Meeting (Virtual)

May 31, 7:30 p.m. - YUM Oversight Meeting

June 2 - Election Day

June 14, 7:00 p.m. - KCUC Council Meeting

Korean Peace Appeal

The United Church of Canada is asked to collect 10,000 signatures to this global campaign. Let's make it happen. Please sign your name for the appeal in the narthex.

In-Person Pastoral Counselling and Visitation

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

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.

Minute for Mission



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May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada, an opportunity to prayerfully reflect on the contributions of Asian Canadians to Canadian society, and to honour and celebrate this important aspect of Canadian history.

I'm a recent immigrant to Canada who came from Asia. Having lived in Canada for the past 10 years, I've noticed that there are incredibly diverse groups of people living in Canada, yet the dominant cultural group may be represented by the White European English/French-speaking Canadian citizens.

Living in Canada as a racialized person, I've developed my racial justice sensitivity regardless of whether I wanted to or not. This is partly because my family and I have experienced casual racist comments and routine discrimination, as well as because I feel obligated to protect my children from being harmed or mistreated based on their skin colour and ethnic background. Living in Canada as a visible minority, I feel vulnerable when exposed to increasing anti-immigrant sentiment and the White nationalist movement in Canada, false information about refugees and immigrants, and controversy around the Quebec law banning religious symbols for workers in public positions (which I see as targeting mainly the visible ethnic and cultural minorities).

Living in Canada as a recent immigrant who speaks English as my second language, I have been working hard to overcome the "no Canadian experience" label, and to perform my work effectively — to the degree that people might see beyond my English accent and recognize my abilities.

Living in Canada as an immigrant from Asia where different nations have been struggling with the painful legacy and unsolved historical resentment of colonialism, I've been paying attention to the Canadian history of colonialism

and its ongoing systemic injustice and generational impact on the Indigenous people and their communities. I've found myself getting passionate about working towards Truth and Reconciliation in Canada.

Living in Canada as someone from a small country — smaller than most provinces in Canada, I am often fascinated with the vastness and richness of nature, and also reminded of our duties and responsibilities as caretakers of God's world.

Living in Canada where I am exposed to a lot of cross-cultural engagement, I'm convinced that "diversity is strength," which helps me view my home country from broad and new perspectives, and also encourages me to open myself to challenges and opportunities that can be transforming and life-giving to me and others.

With all these experiences and much more not mentioned here, I feel my journey of life is in the right direction towards wholeness.