

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

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

November 13, 2022
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
(* Please rise as you are able)**
(Words in **Bold** said by all)

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: "Moonlight Sonata" L. Beethoven

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 46: 10a)

*****Hymn: "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" 374 VU**

- 1 Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.**
- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,**

**making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.**

**3 In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!**

Opening Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Right Side: Our God, once you became very angry with the world, and set out to destroy it with a flood.

Left Side: Yet even then, you called Noah and his family to build an ark, and to save creation from being destroyed.

Right Side: After the flood, you made a covenant with all living things.

Left Side: You promised never again to flood the whole earth. The rainbow is a reminder to us of your promise.

Right Side: We too from time to time do things that go against your wishes.

Left Side: When we do not live in your ways, you are sad.

Right Side: The Bible tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of your glory.

Left Side: But your Good News is this: You accept us all and set us free from our sins.

Right Side: So we can and we will live as your people.

Left Side: Forgiven, loved and free!

**All: We will try to live in your ways! Thanks be to you!
Amen.**

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: "Joy Comes with the Dawn" 166 VU**

Refrain: **Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.**

**1 Weeping may come;
weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows cloud our sight. R**

**2 Sorrow will turn,
sorrow will turn into song,
and God's laughter make us strong. R**

**3 We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace. R**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Romans 1: 16-17, 3: 22b-31
Matthew 7: 21-29

Response:

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

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:

Sermon: "How Firm a Foundation"
The Rev. Bruce J. Roffey

Time for Silent Reflection

*****Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" 660 VU**

**1 How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

- 2 'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.**
- 3 'When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**
- 4 'When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.**
- 5 'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!'**

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: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" 120 VU**

**1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I
hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from
sin.**

**3 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my
soul.**

**4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.**

*****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: "Invention in F" J.S. Bach

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Schedule

Date	November 20th	November 27th	December 4th h	December 11th
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey
Church Year	Reign of Christ Sunday	Advent 1	Advent 2	Advent 3
Liturgical Colour	White	Blue/Purple	Blue/Purple	Blue/Purple

Greeters/Readers/Coffee Time Volunteers Needed at KCUC

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for Greeting (without shaking hands); Readers and someone to provide Coffee/Tea and Cookies.

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 support is much appreciated.

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.

In-Person and virtual Pastoral Counselling/ mobile communion service after November 20th

Rev. Lee is away until at least November 20th. After that time, Rev Andrew offers pastoral counseling and visitation including mobile communion. Please contact Rev. Lee (leeky3@mcmaster.ca) to make an appointment.

Minute for Mission

Your gifts have an impact on Edmontonians facing poverty and houselessness.



Jon is Bissell Centre's artist in residence.

Credit: Bissell Centre

We recently received a wonderful thank-you letter from Bissell Centre, a Mission & Service partner located in Edmonton. We'd like to share it with you with thanks for your generosity.

Thank you to the wonderful people of The United Church of Canada. It's with gifts like yours that we're able to meet people facing poverty and houselessness where they're at. We look forward to collecting and sharing more stories with

you, like this one about Jon:

Jon is one of the community members at Bissell Centre, and has a passion (and talent) for art. In fact, he's been named Bissell's artist in residence. His work has been commissioned by Bissell to provide an authentic, community-made element to our event advertising, our annual impact reports, and several donor thank-you gifts.

His pieces often feature powerful imagery drawn from his Indigenous heritage and always in a spirit of celebration. His art was the focal point of the event poster for Bissell's celebration of National Indigenous Peoples Day this year. Inspired by the love and support he has received, Jon wanted a way to give back.

He designed, organized, and now facilitates a weekly art program called "Good Art." In the workshops he guides people to express themselves in a healthy way through art that means something to them. Folks are encouraged to share about the art they make at the end of each workshop as way to build and strengthen community.

Your support provided a space for this to happen, and your gifts are having a palpable impact in the lives of Edmontonians facing poverty and houselessness.

Thank you very much United Church of Canada.