

**YORK UNITED MINISTRIES
HOSTED BY NEW HOPE UNITED CHURCH**

**February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**
(Words in **Bold** said by all)

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Worship Candle (Isaiah 60: 1-2)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Call to Worship

Hymn: "We Praise You, O God" (#218 VU)

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

Opening Prayer

Words of Grace (based on Psalm 71)

You are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray: God of steadfast love and faithfulness, you have exalted your name and your word above everything. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to hear your word with understanding, that in our speech and actions, we may exalt your name above all things; in Jesus' name we ask it. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "The Calling Misunderstood" - Rev. Andrew K. Lee

Music for Quiet Reflection

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer in Unison

**Holy One, we give you thanks for your generosity to us.
Bless these gifts and multiply them,
for the sake of those in need around us; in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

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: "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" (#563 VU)

**Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.
O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

**You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour.
O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

**You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.**

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

**You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.**

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

Commissioning/Benediction

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship services

York United Ministries have decided to take proactive precautions and return to online services on a rotational basis. Next week, York Pines will be hosting the service at 10 a.m. A Zoom invitation will be sent you to later in the week.

Black History Month

We celebrate Black History Month in February every year. It is not only a time of reflection on colonialism in the past and neo—colonialism in the present but also a time of appreciation and celebration of the works and contribution by African Americans in our history.

Worship Lighting

Let's light a candle together if possible. It may remind us of the presence of God with us while we are worshipping apart.

YUM Calendar

Feb. 6th at 11:00 a.m. York Pines' Annual Meeting

Feb. 13th at 11:00 a.m. Oversight Team Meeting (Zoom invite will be sent)

Feb. 27th at 11:00 a.m. King City's Annual Meeting (In-Person at church)

Zoom Pastoral Counselling

Rev. Lee offers pastoral counseling through Zoom. Please contact Rev. Lee (leeky3@mcmaster.ca) for the arrangement.

"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. This week, let's learn and praise #11 MV "Come, Come Emmanuel."

YAYA YTB Q-Box Series

YAYA YTB Q-Box Series is being updated. Rev. Andrew responded to the question; "How do we reconcile thanking soldiers for killing/hurting someone else and how is God good with that?" Please check the YUM YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL772mvVOna2VqaLImkQsNw>

Worship Schedule

Date	Feb. 6th	Feb. 13th	Feb. 20th	Feb. 27 th
Host Church	New Hope	York Pines	King City	New Hope
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey
Music Director	Sunny Rakovac	Ted Anderson	Rosemary Karunaratne	Sunny Rakovac
Church Calendar	Fifth Sunday After Epiphany	Sixth Sunday After Epiphany	Seventh Sunday After Epiphany	Transfiguration Sunday
UCC	Black History Month	Black History Month	Black History Month	Black History Month
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	White

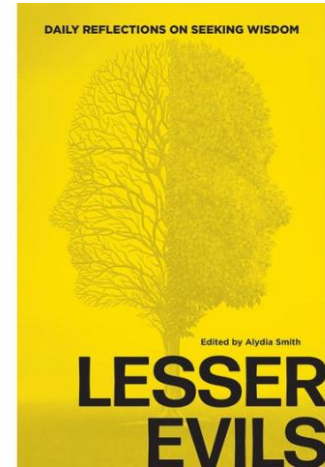
Offering - Thank you for sending your offerings to the church. Your offerings support the ministry of the church and have been much appreciated. Please mail a cheque to your church directly, or make an e-transfer to their email address.

Minute for Mission

"Choosing the Lesser Evil"

"This book is about being faithful while wrestling with what's best."

Have you ever had to make a decision knowing that all of the choices in front of you felt wrong somehow? As if you were caught between a rock and a hard place? Regardless of how righteous we might feel about our decisions, we choose evils every day, hoping that we are choosing the lesser ones.



The United Church's Lenten book and study guide (*Lesser Evils*), published by United Church Publishing House, explores everyday dilemmas of seeking the good while choosing the lesser evil from a Christian perspective. This collection of devotions challenges all followers of Jesus to faithfully attempt to do and seek good in our actions and choices.

"We confront dilemmas every day: Do I wear this mask? Do we close in-person gatherings? Do I take this parking space? People are trying to work for good. There are a lot of holier than thou judgements going on these days. We wanted to write about making tough decisions. What's hopeful about this book is the faithfulness of the struggle," says editor Alydia Smith. Your generosity through [Mission & Service](#) helps deepen faith by lowering the cost of important faith resources such as *Lesser Evils* and the accompanying book study webinar. Hosted online through [United In Learning](#), the study runs every Tuesday at 1 pm ET from March 8 to April 12, 2022.

"What does it mean to be Christian in this time when we don't always feel good about the many choices before us?" says Smith. "When systems are broken and we are in those systems, how do we deal with it? *Lesser Evils* is really for all of us coping with uncertainty. This book is about being faithful while wrestling with what's best."

Special Offer! *If you order 5 or more copies of *Lesser Evils* (softcover edition) for your group study, you can receive 20% off on your order. Simply use the code LESSER20 when you place your order.