

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

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

January 22, 2023

**Third Sunday After Epiphany
(* ** Please rise as you are able)
(Words in **Bold** said by all)**

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: "Arioso" J.S. Bach

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: "God of Grace and God of Glory" VU 686**

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.**

- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail your ways;
fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.**

- 3 Cure your children's warring madness,**

**bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**4 Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee.**

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

Friends, God chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

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: A 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:

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

For the Young at Heart

Hymn: "Three Things I Promise"

MV176 v.1

**Three things I promise, Holy God,
in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.**

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Micah 6:1-8

- ¹ Hear what the LORD says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
- ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
- ³ "O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
- ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
- ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."
- ⁶ "With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
- ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
- ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

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: "What God Requires"

Padre Rev. Andrew K. Lee

Time for Silent Reflection

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*****Offeratory 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*)**

**We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an
abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world.
May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love
as we seek to share your promised reign with all
creation. 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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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

*****Closing Hymn:**

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

VU 512

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.**
- 2 Lord, you call us to your service:
'In my name baptize and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.**
- 3 Lord, you make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood.'
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.**
- 4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
'Father, what they do, forgive.'
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.**
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,**

may we serve as you intend,
 and, amid the cares that claim us,
 hold in mind eternity;
 with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.

*****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: "Coro" G.F. Handel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Schedule

Date	January 29th	February 5th	February 12th
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee
Church Year	Fourth After Epiphany	Fifth After Epiphany	Sixth After Epiphany
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green

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.

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., Feb. 15 at 10:00 a.m. The book for discussion is: "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom by Bill Bryson. It is about hope and faith. Eleanor and Bruce Chambers 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) 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. 8th (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

“We saw such a change in how people felt about themselves after experiencing this kind of a meal”



Rose enjoys a warm meal at Centre 507.
Credit: Centre 507

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Many of us sit down to good home-cooked meals and can afford to go out for dinner from time to time. We're able to prepare elaborate dinners at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our daily experience doesn't include standing in line, tray in hand, for

every single meal.

That's why the special dinners like Café Cinq-Zéro-Sept hosts are so important. Centre 507 is an Ottawa-based Mission & Service partner. Several times a year, the adult drop-in centre sets up a small room for a special fine-dining meal with gourmet food, decorations, and candlelight. For just \$2, participants have their choice of meal accompanied by full service and great company.

“We realized that people in our community struggling with poverty had to wait in line a long time for a meal. When they were served, they weren't given any choice and felt pressured to leave so that the next person could be served. That's why we started Café Cinq-Zéro-Sept,” says Richard LeBlanc, Centre 507's Executive Director. “We saw a real change in how people felt about themselves after experiencing this kind of a meal. We wanted this dining experience to become the norm rather than the exception.”

While COVID-19 has been challenging, it has also helped the drop-in take a step toward achieving their goal. “One of the great things that happened when COVID hit was that we had to start a system where everyone sat down and was served,” says LeBlanc.

Centre 507 now serves 25 people at sit-down meals and provides 150 people with meals to go each day. The café has incorporated a training program where participants learn to be servers, too. “We are taking the next step toward achieving our goal. We aren't going back to line-ups after the pandemic,” vows LeBlanc.

Thank you for giving generously through Mission & Service. Your support helps create a world where everyone has enough food, served with dignity.