

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

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

May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Asian Heritage Month 4
(* Please rise as you are able)**
(Words in **Bold** said by all)

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude

"Gavotte"

- G. F. Handel

Welcome, Life & Work with King City UC

The Lighting of the Worship Candle

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

Let all creation sing with joy.

See his power and might over the death are among us.

Jesus dwells with us, and we are his peoples!

God is with us and be our God. Alleluia!

*****Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" VU 333**

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.**
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**
- 3 Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Grace

Rev. Andrew K. Lee

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

All: **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:

"Alleluia"

- L. Gatin

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

Prayer for Illumination

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Psalm 148 VU 871(selectively)

(Refrain: "Let the whole cre-a-tion cry, 'Glo-ry be to God on high.'")

Praise God from the heavens; give praise in the heights!

Give praise, all you angels; praise God, all you hosts!

Praise God, sun and moon; give praise, stars and lights!

Praise God, farthest heavens, and all waters beyond heaven! R

Let all things praise the name of God,

the name above every other, whose splendour covers heaven and earth.

**You give strength to your people,
songs of praise to your faithful,
to Israel, the people dear to your heart. R**

Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

This is the word of God

Thanks be to God.

Response: ***“Spirit of the Living God”*** **VU 376, verse 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.

Child in All of Us

Hymn: ***“I’ll Praise Eternal God” (#57 MV)***
I’ll praise eternal God with all my heart,
And I will recount your marvelous works and glorify your name .
I’ll promise eternal God with all my heart,
I’ll make you, my Lord, the subject of my job. Alleluia!

Sermon: **“God, the Main Character”** **Rev. Andrew K. Lee**

Music for Silent Reflection

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*****Offertory Hymn: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" VU 541**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

*****Offertory Prayer in Unison**

**Loving God, we give you thanks
for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us
in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection.
Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation.
May they be a testament to your love for us
as we share them in love for you;
through Jesus Christ we pray. 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: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" VU 371**

**1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
((R)) Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
R.**

**3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
R.**

*****Commissioning / Benediction**

*****Choral Prayer: "God 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 He 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: "Heavenly Father" - Broughton



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship services

King City UC worships at 10:00 in-person. Worship Schedule follows:

Date	May 29 th	June 5 th	June 12 th	June 19 th
Preacher	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee
Church Year	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Pentecost Sunday	Trinity Sunday	Second After Pentecost
UCC/YUM calendar	Asian Heritage Month 5	Environment/ Union Sunday		Indigenous Sunday
Liturgical Colour	White/Gold	Red	Green	Green

YUM Calendar

May 31 at 7:30 p.m. Oversight Team Meeting

June 14 at 7:00 p.m. King City UC Council Meeting

In-Person Pastoral Counselling and Visitation

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

Planning YES Program

The ministers are planning YES (Youth Enrichment on Saturday) program for youths and young adults. Any ideas and supports are welcomed.

Youth Job Positions – Camp Awesome Community Development Worker

Shining Waters and Canadian Shield Regional Council are looking for 18 youths. For details, please see the separate page.

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.



SHINING WATERS
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Camp Awesome

Community Development Worker

18 Positions

10 Weeks, 35 Hours Per Week, \$ 17.50 per hour

Various Locations in Ontario (**including:** Thunder Bay, Sudbury, North Bay, Muskoka, Parry Sound, Barrie, Simcoe County, Orillia, Midland, Newmarket, Aurora, Toronto, Vaughan, Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Scarborough, Etobicoke)



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Engagement

- Engaging intergenerational opportunities for community development through social justice and/or youth-based conversations/experiences/opportunities around specific issues facing youth and young adults, and how we may engage in a format that best meets young people where they are at and where their need for communal connection and development is possible. Some topics include: Guaranteed Livable Income, Environmental Concerns, Mental Health, Harm Reduction, Poverty Reduction, and Food Sovereignty.
- Through virtual and in-person connections (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, etc..), allowing for a conversation and network to be built up in supporting youth and young adults in their civic and communal engagement.
- Supporting Communities of Faith that are particularly interested in engaging young people in conversations and how they might be able to do so after the summer has been completed.
- Four positions are summer day camp positions in various locations (Downtown Toronto, Midland, Lake of Bays, and North Bay).

Resource Development

- Developing resources that will assist communities of faith in their engagement with youth and young people around technology and social justice issues.
- Creating resources that maybe used for in person gatherings in the future that allow for intergenerational learning and development (study guides, curriculum, worship resources...)

Creating Conversation

- Hosting conversations/events around their specific topics throughout the summer that allows communities of faith, youth and young adults to engage in intergenerational relationship building.
- By utilizing various platforms, the staff will facilitate a network of people who are interested in specific topics, and how they might best continue to work together beyond the summer months.

For more Information or to Submit Your Resume, Please Contact:

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