

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

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

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

(* Please rise as you are able)**

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

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: **"Pastorale"**

N. Gilbert

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 Isaiah 49: 8 and 2 Corinthians 6: 2)

The apostle Paul reminds us of the promises of God made through the prophet Isaiah. "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." "Behold," he says, "now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

Thanks be to God!

Come, magnify God with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

Let us worship God together.

*****Hymn** **"Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"**

VU 232

**1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**

**2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.**

**Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.**

**3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.**

**4 Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.**

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance (based on Psalm 32: 5 and 2 Corinthians 5: 17)

From the experience of his sin, the Psalmist declares, "I acknowledged my sin and did not hide my transgressions, and you forgave me the guilt of my sin." May this too be our experience that God forgives you and me. The old has passed away and the new has come. You and I are a new creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response: "Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary"

MV 18

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

***** 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.

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43: 16-21

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

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

Thanks be to God.

**Response: "Come, Come Emmanuel"
 Come, Come Emmanuel, Come Emmanuel! (twice)**

MV 11

For the Child in All of Us

Hymn: "O God, How We Have Wandered"

VU 112

**1 O God, how we have wandered
 and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
 your legacy of grace.
But how, in exile dwelling,
 we turn with fear and shame,**

May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey; may the Spirit of wisdom give us vision for the road; may the love of Christ make us caring companions; as together we go forth in the Lenten time.

Amen.

*****Choral Prayer: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"
121 VU (verse for 5th Sunday of Lent)**

**God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death;
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as every breath,
love as near as every breath.**

*****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:

"Canzonetta"

E. Thiman



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship services

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

Date	April 10 th	April 15 th	April 17 th	April 24 th
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Lee & Rev. Roffey	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee
Music Director	Rosemary Karunaratne	Music Directors from YUM	Rosemary Karunaratne	Rosemary Karunaratne
Church Year	Palm/Passion Sunday	Good Friday	Easter	Second Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Colour	Purple	Black	White	White

YUM Calendar

Today April 3rd at after church KCUC Council Meeting

April 5th at 1:30 p.m. YPUC's Council Meeting

April 26th at 7:30 p.m. NHUC's Council Meeting

May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Oversight Team Meeting

"Writing Green, Living Lent" - Spiritual Exercises in Lent

In Lent, we will have spiritual exercises of writing down selected Bible verses and taking actions for the creation, celebrating God's mystery and love in creation. This spiritual exercise is designed to respond to the current ecological crisis and to practice the way Christians react. It includes helpful scientific facts and statistics. Please find the details in the separate sheets at the end of this bulletin. At the end of Lent, please hand in your sheets to celebrate your participation.

Good Friday Joint Service

All churches in YUM will gather at King City United at 10 a.m. for Good Friday Worship Service.

Thank you

Thank you to all who opened their hearts and wallets for our King Township Food Bank drive today. The response you have given is truly appreciated!

In-Person Pastoral Counselling

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

"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 of "PRAISE WITH US" #6, Rev. Andrew invites us to sing MV 85 "Take, O Take Me As I Am" The URL: <https://youtu.be/zf8H37A1KkA>

Walking to the Cross

The ministers will lead the program, "Walking to the Cross" in the University of Toronto (St. George Campus) on April 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is intended as a meditational walk to the meaning of Jesus' cross. You will see cherry blossoms and meet two amateur tour guides who spent more than 10 years of full-time and/or part-time study in the University of Toronto. Free registration. All generations are welcomed. Details will be announced.

York Pines Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7 p.m. They will be discussing the book *Extraordinary Canadians* by Peter Mansbridge. The facilitator for this meeting will be Rosemarie Ehrat. If you are interested in joining the Book Club contact York Pines United Church by sending an email to yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or calling 905-727-8118.

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.

"End the War Now": Korean Peace Appeal

UCC is officially hosting the Ten Thousand Signature Campaign for the Korean Peace Appeal. Please considering adding your signature to the petition at <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/korea-peace-appeal>

Prayers and Donation for Ukraine

The invasion of Ukraine is costing precious lives and creating a humanitarian crisis as people flee to safety. United Church Mission & Service partners are responding to the rapidly unfolding crisis. You can help. Right now, people urgently need shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention.

Donate Options

1. Online: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/ukraine-crisis>

2. Phone: 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

3. Cheque to: The United Church of Canada Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response, 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Minute for Mission

"Your support is helping to provide shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention."

We are stronger together, and what affects one of us affects all of us. These two truths have become even more apparent as the invasion of Ukraine continues to cost precious lives and rapidly create a humanitarian crisis. The United Nations reports that millions of people living in the Ukraine, displaced from their homes, are seeking refuge in neighbouring countries. Many have lost friends, loved ones, and property; struggle to meet their basic needs; and face an uncertain future.

In the face of this growing crisis, communities of faith around the world are taking action to offer support.

Spanning 127 countries, the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance is the world's largest network of Protestant and Orthodox churches and agencies, including the United Church. Your generosity through Mission & Service has long supported ACT's humanitarian relief and advocacy efforts.

Right now, your ongoing support through Mission & Service as well as special emergency gifts are helping to provide shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention. What's more, the impacts of war in Ukraine are affecting food security for regions that depend on its agricultural production, including in some areas where global partners are responding.

The New Humanitarian news site reports that Yemen imports half of its wheat from Ukraine and Russia, 22 percent of corn imported to Spain comes from Ukraine, and Lebanon relies on Ukraine for up to 60 percent of its wheat and has only about a month's worth of reserves.

"Conflict is one of the main reasons that hunger is rising in the world, and Ukraine represents a stark example of how that happens," states Musu Taylor-Lewis, Canadian Foodgrains Bank director of resources and public engagement, in an interview.

United Church Moderator Richard Bott condemned the invasion in a statement released in early March stating that the act of aggression contravenes the Charter of the United Nations (UN) and represents a serious violation of international law. "We call on all parties to immediately cease hostilities and to undertake action to restore peace," he writes, urging the church to hold the people of Ukraine in prayer and "explore whether there is a Ukrainian Catholic church, Ukrainian Orthodox church, or Ukrainian community centre close to you to whom you might write a letter of concern and solidarity or extend solidarity to people of Ukrainian descent in your community."

Thank you for all the ways you express compassion and care and for faithfully supporting Mission & Service. By acting together, we can be there as a worldwide church community when and where it matters most.