

# **KING CITY UNITED CHURCH**

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

**October 16, 2022**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**(\*\*\* Please rise as you are able)**

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

**... WITH OPEN DOORS ...**

**Prelude:**

**"Andante"**

**J. Stanley**

**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 139)

God has searched us and known us. God is all around us, before us, behind us, above us, below us, beside us, within us.

**There is nowhere we can go that God is not already there,**

in the darkness and the daylight,

**from the highest mountain to the deepest sea,**

in the morning and in the evening.

**God is with us! Thanks be to God!**

Come, let us worship God.

**\*\*\*Hymn: "God, Reveal Your Presence"      391 VU**

**1 God, reveal your presence: as we now adore you  
and with awe appear before you.**

**Here in this your temple: all within keep silence,  
gather now with deepest reverence.**

**You alone God we own,  
you, our God and Saviour: praise your name for ever.**

**2 God, reveal your presence: hear the harps resounding;  
see the crowds the throne surrounding.  
'Holy, holy, holy!' Hear the hymn ascending,  
angels, saints, their voices blending.  
Bow your ear to us here;  
hearken, O Lord Jesus, to our humble praises.**

**3 O great Fount of blessing, purify my spirit,  
trusting only in your merit;  
like the holy angels gathered all before you,  
may I ceaselessly adore you.  
Let your will ever still  
rule your church terrestrial, as the hosts celestial.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Response: "Take, O Take Me as I Am" (Sung twice) 85 MV**  
**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 (based on Romans 8: 12-17)**

**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 ...**

**\*\*\*Hymn: "Jesus, Friend of Little Children" 340 VU**

**1 Jesus, friend of little children,  
let me be one too;  
take my hand, and ever keep me  
close to you.**

**2 Teach me how to grow in goodness,  
daily as I grow.  
You have been a child, and surely  
you must know.**

**3 Never leave me, nor forsake me;  
ever be my friend;  
for I need you, from life's dawning  
to its end.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings:**

Luke 18: 1-8 (NT, p. 81)

**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: "Happy Are They" N. Sleeth**

**Sermon: "Who Are Our Persistent Widows?" Jon Brooks**

**Time for Silent Reflection**

**\*\*\*Hymn: "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star" 220 MV**  
**Hope shines as the solitary stary.**  
**Faith is the inner light.**  
**You and I together mirror the Light of Lights**  
**And illumine the pathway home. (repeat)**

**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: "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!'**

## **\*\*\*Commissioning / Benediction**

**We are not alone!**

**We live in God's world!**

God is with us!

**We are not alone! Thanks be to God!**

God forth from this place confident in the affirmation that God is here for you. And so go in peace.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*\*\*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:**

**" Gavotte"**

**J. F. Handel**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome Jon Brooks**

We welcome Jon Brooks to worship leadership this morning. Jon is the son of Kay and Jack Brooks and he grew up at King City.

Jon is a musician who writes songs to calm those who've looked inside and seen what's in their hearts; he also writes songs to terrify those who've not. His essential message: Endure in good faith, you are loved.

Since 2005, Jon has released seven albums; toured and performed his songs all over the world; earned the dubious record as being the most nominated Canadian for 'Songwriter of the Year' at The Canadian Folk Music Awards.

He is also in his second year of a Masters of Divinity program at Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto.

### **Worship Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>October 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>October 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>November 13<sup>th</sup></b>
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey
Church Year	Twentieth after Pentecost	Twenty-first after Pentecost <b>All Saints Sunday</b>	Twenty-second after Pentecost <b>Remembrance Day Sunday</b>	Twenty-third after Pentecost
Liturgical Colour	Green	White	Red/White	White

### **Volunteers Needed at KCUC**

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for a Sunday to provide Coffee/Tea and Cookies for our social time after the service. Instructions for making tea and coffee are posted in the kitchen if you are not sure of how to make them.

### **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](mailto: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 offerings support the ministry of the church and we remind you that our expenses continue throughout the summer. Your support is much appreciated.

### **Bake Sale Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

We still need a commitment of items that will be donated for our bake sale on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Profits from this bake sale will help out with some necessary property projects that are being performed for the upkeep of the church. Call Alma 905-833-1631 if you can help out with donations of some baking or if you can package items on the day before.

### **Pictures of Family Members Who Have Passed Away**

On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to bring to the worship service pictures of family members who have passed away.

### **York Pines Book Club**

The YPUC Book Club are will meet on Wed. Oct. 19 at 10:00 a.m. at 10 a.m. with a hybrid format of meeting in person at York Pines and on Zoom. The book for discussion is: "This is Assisted Dying" by Stephanie Green M.D.; Ted Anderson will facilitate the discussion.

### **York Pines Lasagna Dinner – Wed., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30 to 7 p.m.**

York Pines is pleased to announce its fall lasagna dinner. In addition to lasagna, the menu includes garlic bread, Caesar salad and a chilled lemon dessert. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults in advance, or \$25.00 for adults at the door, \$5.00 for children ages 6 to 12 and no charge for children 5 and under. Call the church office at 905-727-8118 for dine-in or take-out tickets.

### **New Hope Lunch and Games – Sat., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Rev. Lee offers pastoral counseling and visitation including mobile communion. Please contact Rev. Lee ([leeky3@mcmaster.ca](mailto:leeky3@mcmaster.ca)) to make an appointment.

### **Minute for Mission**

The problem is that some have too much and others not enough.



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Who was Jesus referring to when he advised his followers to pray:

“Give *us* this day our daily bread?” Who is the “us”?

“When we say the prayer, we often think ‘us’ refers to ourselves; after all, we are the ones praying. But I think Jesus, who had a broad view of neighbour and family, meant all of humanity,” explains Sarah Charters, Director of the United Church’s Philanthropy Unit, adding, “so I take it to mean ‘Give every one of us our daily bread.’”

God has already come through on that petition. There is enough food on the planet to feed everyone. The problem is that some have too much and others not enough.

It’s never been more urgent that we share. Food security has always been an issue, but the pandemic as well as wheat shortages resulting from the war in Ukraine have catapulted us to the brink of a massive hunger crisis. Right now, more than 50 million people are facing starvation—almost double the number in 2019. One person is dying of hunger every 4 seconds. In this critical time, your meaningful gifts through Mission & Service are put to work right away helping people meet immediate needs by providing

emergency food hampers in times of crisis, stocking shelves at food banks, and serving good, healthy meals through various outreach agencies. Your gifts also provide longer-term support and systemic change by teaching agricultural techniques, seeding community garden initiatives, and helping neighbourhoods set up systems to cope with the impact of conflict and climate change on their food systems.

As we teeter on the brink of a global hunger crisis, your generosity has never been more needed.

Please choose to do something meaningful this World Food Day, and make a gift through Mission & Service to help those who are most vulnerable.

Together as a United Church we can help build the world Jesus envisioned when he taught us to pray—a world where every one of us has our daily bread.