

# **KING CITY UNITED CHURCH**

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

**November 20, 2022**

**Reign of Christ Sunday**

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

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

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

**Prelude: "Sarabande"**

**J.S. Bach**

**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**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!**

**\*\*\*Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" 211 VU**

**1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne:  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!**

**Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.**

**2 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.**

**His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.**

**3 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.**

**His reign shall know no end;  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of Paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**4 Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.**

### **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**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**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.**

**Ministry of Music: "What A Wonderful World" D. Weiss  
Soloist: John Kell**

**... WITH OPEN MINDS ...**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God, through the generations you have spoken to us.  
You have sent voices crying out in the wilderness. You have  
sent the words of an overjoyed new father and an expectant  
mother. You have sent the assurance of a condemned man on  
a cross. Quiet in us any voice but your own that, by the power  
of your Spirit, we might hear the words you speak to us today.  
**Amen.**

**Scripture Readings**

***Luke 23:39-43***

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him

and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

**Revelation 3:20-22**

<sup>20</sup> Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you with me. <sup>21</sup> To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches."

This is the Word of God.

**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.**

**For the Young at Heart**

**Hymn: "Jesus, Remember Me" 148 VU**  
**|| : Jesus remember me,**  
**when you come in to your kingdom!**  
**Jesus remember me,**  
**when you come in to your kingdom!:||**

**Sermon: "Knocking On Heaven's Door"**

**Padre Rev. Andrew K. Lee**

**Time for Silent Reflection**

## **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**

Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted your favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom. And so we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes. **Amen.**

**... 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: "Rejoice the Lord is King" 213 VU**

**1 Rejoice the Lord is King!  
Your risen Lord adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing**

**and triumph evermore.**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

**2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our sins,  
he took his seat above. R**

**3 God's kingdom cannot fail;  
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given. R**

**4 Rejoice in glorious hope,  
for Christ, the judge, shall come  
to glorify the saints  
for their eternal home.**

**We soon shall hear the Archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

**\*\*\*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: "Minuet in G" L. Beethoven**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>November 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December 18<sup>th</sup></b>
Preacher	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee
Church Year	Advent 1 Communion	Advent 2	Advent 3	Advent 3
Liturgical Colour	Blue/Purple	Blue/Purple	Blue/Purple	Blue/Purple

**Greeters/Readers/Coffee Time Volunteers Needed at KCUC**

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for Greeting (without shaking hands); Readers; and someone to provide Coffee/Tea and Cookies.

**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 to request envelopes and she will be happy to prepare some for you. When your supply gets low, please contact her for more. Or, she can 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 at the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you to everyone. Your support is much appreciated.

## **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**

“Families want their dads to come back.”



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On November 20, countries around the world celebrate Universal Children’s Day (also called World Children’s Day). The date marks the anniversary of the UN General Assembly adopting both the declaration and the convention on children’s rights. On the same day, Restorative Justice Week kicks off.

It’s a perfect time to raise up the needs of children with incarcerated parents—the all-too-often forgotten, invisible, or ignored victims of the criminal justice system.

No one knows how many children in Canada are affected by the incarceration of a parent. Back in 2007, the guestimate was 357,604.\* But advocates think that with the increase in the prison population, the number is much higher.

While every situation is unique, many children with incarcerated parents face trauma, family instability, social isolation, and economic insecurity. On the inside, parents struggle to stay connected to their kids, let go of shame, and deepen parenting skills so they can successfully unite their family when they are released.

That’s why Parkland Restorative Justice—a Mission & Service partner based in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan—runs an eight-week parenting course for male inmates called Dad HERO, (an acronym for “Helping Everyone Realize Opportunities”). Developed in partnership with the Canadian Families and Corrections Network (CFCN), the course is designed to educate dads about parenting, how to communicate with their child, and how to work with a co-parent. Afterward, the dads meet regularly in a group that continues to provide support after their release.

“A lot of people don’t think about men inside prisons as a hero. In fact, when we told the men the name of the program, some of them said, ‘That doesn’t resonate with me, I don’t really feel like a hero to my kids. But I want my children to look up to me, to think that I have value and worth, that I have information to give them, and can be a good parent that is aspiring to be a hero,” says Louise Leonardi, Executive Director of the CFCN. “We all want the same things for these men. We want them to come out of prison, to reoffend less, to be with their families, to start a pro-social and productive life, and to move into society in a well-balanced way. Families want their dads to come back.”\*\*

No one is disposable, and no child should feel forgotten. Thank you for helping to build stronger families and for believing everyone can be a hero.

\*Canadian Coalition for Children with Incarcerated Parents homepage.

\*\*Correctional Service Canada, “The Canadian Families and Corrections Network (CFCN) Partners to Help Incarcerated Dads,” June 19, 2020.