KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

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

April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday
(*** Please rise as you are able)
(Words in Bold said by all)

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: "Prelude for Lent, Part 1" D Buxtehude

Introit: "Hosanna"

Welcome, Life & Work with King City UC

The Lighting of the Worship Candle

Call to Worship

***Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

VU 123

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna
 the happy children sang;
 through pillared court and temple
 the joyful anthem rang;
 to Jesus, who had blessed them
 close folded to his breast,
 the children sang their praises,
 the simplest and the best.
- 2 From Olivet they followed
 'mid an exultant crowd,
 the victory palm branch waving,
 and singing clear and loud;
 the Lord of earth and heaven
 rode on in lowly state,
 content that little children
 should on his bidding wait.

3 'Hosanna in the highest!'
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence
eternally rejoice!

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Grace

Rev. Andrew K. Lee

It is the Lord who help us; who will declare us guilty? Because of the grace we received in God's promise, we have nothing to fear.

Thanks be to God.

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 iustice 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: "Hosanna" I. Trusler

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Creator, who loves us so, we have followed Jesus to Jerusalem. It has been a long journey this year. Please help us receive your word today and let it bring hope to us as we continue to stumble along this last part of our Lenten path. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**¹

Scripture Readings

Luke 19:28-38 Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people

that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power

This is word of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Response: "Come, Come Emmanuel" MV 11

Come, Come Emmanuel, Come Emmanuel! (twice)

Sermon: "Peace in Heaven and Earth" Rev. Andrew K. Lee

Music for Silent Reflection

¹ by Lisa Norman, Enniskillen-Tyrone UC, Tyrone, ON.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Hymn: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" VU 543, v.1

We give thee but thine own whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.

***Offertory Prayer in Unison

O God, all that we have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return to you only what you have so graciously given. Use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: "All Who Hunger" VU 460

- 1 All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
 Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
 Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving for the Work of God in Creation

Acclamation of Praise

Holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Prayer for the Work of Spirit

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; and 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking Bread and Filling the Cup

The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf. The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

The Body of Christ. **Amen.** The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Response of Praise and Prayer Acclamation

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

Prayer

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

***Hymn: "In The Quiet Curve of Evening" VU 278

1 In the quiet curve of evening,
 in the sinking of the days,
 in the silky void of darkness, you are there.
 In the lapses of my breathing,
 in the space between my ways,
 in the crater carved by sadness, you are there.
 You are there, you are there.

In the rests between the phrases, in the cracks between the stars, in the gaps between the meaning, you are there.

In the melting down of endings, in the cooling of the sun, in the solstice of the winter, you are there. You are there, you are there,

In the mystery of my hungers, in the silence of my rooms, in the cloud of my unknowing, you are there.

In the empty cave of grieving, in the desert of my dreams, in the tunnel of my sorrow, you are there. You are there, you are there.

***Commissioning / Benediction

***Choral Prayer: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

121 VU (verse 1 for Palm Sunday)

Unto the hills around do I lift up my longing eyes:
O whence for me shall my salvation come, from whence arise?
From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,
from God the Lord who heaven and earth hath made.

***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: "Prelude for Lent, Part 2" D Buxtehude



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship services

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

Date	April 15 th	April 17 th	April 24 th	May 1 st
Preacher	Rev. Lee & Rev. Roffey	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey
Music Director	Music Directors from YUM	Rosemary Karunaratne	Rosemary Karunaratne	Rosemary Karunaratne
Church Year	Good Friday	Easter	Second Sunday of Easter	Third Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Colour	Black	White/Gold	White/Gold	White/Gold

YUM Calendar

April 26th at 7:30 p.m. NHUC's Council Meeting May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Oversight Team Meeting

Good Friday Joint Service

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

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.

In-Person Pastoral Counselling and Visitation

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

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.

Minute for Mission

"Nearly 23 million Afghans—more than half the population—face potentially lifethreatening food shortages."

Afghanistan is on the verge of the worst crisis in its history. Even before the Taliban took control of the country last August, Afghans were already struggling with the effects of 40 years of conflict, the worst drought in 27 years, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Then, with restrictions on international funding put in place to prevent money from falling into the hands of the Taliban, humanitarian assistance was impeded.

The consequences have been devastating. The United Nations estimates that nearly 23 million Afghans—more than half the population—face potentially life-threatening food shortages, with nearly 9 million on the brink of famine. People also lack proper healthcare and are facing unemployment and housing shortages.

Our Mission & Service partner the Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN) has been working hard to provide food packages to internally displaced families in Afghanistan during this emergency.

The life-saving packages contain staples like rice, sugar, oil, salt, beans, potatoes, and onions to feed a family for up to two months. So far, 133 families have received the packages, including widows and orphans.

"The most challenging issue was and is the fund transfer to Afghanistan because the banking system of the country is still almost completely frozen," reports Zineb Naini, AMAN's international program coordinator. "Nevertheless, we were able to reach these families and, in the future, we hope to reach many more. Recently we obtained a grant that will allow us to distribute food packages to about 400 families."

Please make a gift through Mission and Service today. In the most difficult circumstances, your generosity helps sustain families and provide much needed hope.

Note: Out of concern for the safety of our partners, we are not able to share all the work the church is doing in Afghanistan.