

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

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

**October 2, 2022
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Creation Time 4**

**Worldwide Communion
(*** Please rise as you are able)
(Words in **Bold** said by all)**

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: "Moonlight Sonata" L. Beethoven

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 Lamentations 3: 21-26)

We gather this morning to worship God.

**We come to remember God and God's love, and
therefore to renew our hope.**

The steadfast love of the God never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.

**They are new every morning; great is your
faithfulness.**

"God is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in God."

**God is good to those who wait for God, to the soul that
seeks God. It is good that we should wait for the
salvation of God.**

Come, let us wait for God in the sanctuary of this space with a patient attitude of reverence and praise, remembering that God's mercies are new every morning.

*****Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" 409 VU**

**1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

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 (2 Timothy 1: 8,9)

God has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of God's own purpose and the grace God gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago. In Christ, God has forgiven us and brought us new life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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: *"Learning in a Prayer"*

Solo: Sandra Kirby

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Luke 17: 5-6

Hebrews 11: 1-2; 12: 1-3

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.**

Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" 663 VU

**1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day be wholly thine.**

**2 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide,
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

**3 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.**

**Sermon: "I Wish I Had a Faith Like That"
The Rev. Bruce J. Roffey**

Time for Silent Reflection

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*****Offertory Hymn: "One Bread, One Body" #467 VU**

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. R**

**2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. R**

**3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. R**

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

Invitation

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.

In Christ, God breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another.

We are the Body of Christ.

At this table, we bear witness to our faith.

**At this table, God brings wholeness out of brokenness
and healing to our world.**

Let us break bread together.

Communion Prayers

May God be with us.

God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth, we join with all your people to give you thanks and praise. You formed the universe in your wisdom and created all things by your grace. We praise you for all your good gifts:

the witness of saints and prophets;

the work of faithful women and men;

this earth in all its blessing and promise.

As bread that was scattered on the hillside was gathered together and made one, so too, we your people, scattered throughout the world, are gathered together around your table and become one.

As grapes grown in the field are gathered together and pressed into wine, so too, are we drawn together and pressed by our times to share a common lot and are transformed into your life-blood for all.

In the hope that your people may be brought together from the ends of the earth into your reign of justice and compassion, we gather with those of every time and every place to give you praise and glory:

Holy, holy, holy God, Power of life and love! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna through the ages! Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!

Now we do what Jesus did the night before he died. He took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat; remember me." Then he took the cup and said, "Take, drink; remember."

Remembering your boundless love for us in Jesus Christ, we offer you our praise, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Holy God, we pray for your Spirit.

Make us, while many, one.

Make us, though broken, whole.

Make us, despite death, alive.

And so we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Amen!

Amen.

Prayers of the People

With Jesus, we pray together saying,

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.

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Post-Communion Prayers

God, you have nourished us for the journey, strengthening us at your table.

Like us, your people throughout the world have also gathered offering praise and thanksgiving, as the bread and wine are shared.

May the mystery of your presence, experienced in our worship, bind us together into one worldwide communion.

Amen.

*****Hymn: "Forth in Your Name, O Christ" 416 VU**

- 1 Forth in your name, O Christ, we go,
our daily labour to pursue,
you, only you, resolved to know
in all we think, or speak, or do.**
- 2 The task your wisdom has assigned
here let us cheerfully fulfil;
in all our works your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.**
- 3 You may we set at our right hand,
whose eyes our inmost secrets view,
and labour on at your command
and offer all our works to you.**
- 4 Help us to bear your easy yoke,
in every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to that glorious day.**

**5 Then with delight may we employ
all that your bounteous grace has given,
and run our earthly course with joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.**

*****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: "Contentedness" R. Schumann

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Schedule

Date	October 9th	October 16th	October 23rd	October 30th
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	John Brooks	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey
Church Year	Eighteenth after Pentecost	Nineteenth after Pentecost	Twentieth after Pentecost	Twenty-first after Pentecost

	Thanksgiving Sunday Creation Time 5			
Liturgical Colour	Orange	Green	Green	Green

YAYA Praise Band Practice resumes band practice in October.

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 and distribute enough envelopes for a couple of months at a time. 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.

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 Help needed

We are organizing a Bake Sale for October 22nd. Bakers needed. Please call Alma Feindell if you can help out. We will also need help packaging and pricing items the day prior. Covid protocols will be followed.

York Pines Book Club

The YPUC Book Club are changing the time and the format of the meeting. The dates will remain the same (the third Wed. of the month) however, they will meet at 10:00 a.m. with a hybrid format of meeting in person at York Pines and on Zoom. We hope these changes will accommodate as many

people as possible. The next Book Club meeting using this format will be Wed. Oct. 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Book for discussion is: "This is Assisted Dying" by Stephanie Green M.D.
Ted Anderson will facilitate the discussion.

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) to make an appointment.

Minute for Mission

“We are one church in this global world”



Participants carry the Bible into the opening ceremonies of the 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

Credit: Paul Jeffrey/WCC

Unity, justice, and peace for all is a big vision. And it's one that more than 4,000 participants from over 120 countries joined together in September to help realize.

Fifteen United Church delegates participated in the World Council of Churches (WCC) Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany—the largest ecumenical gathering in the world.

The denomination has a long history with the WCC. The United Church has been there since its inception in 1948, and your generosity through Mission & Service (and its antecedents) has supported the work ever since.

It's critical we are there.

Since its creation, the World Council of Churches has supported and inspired church participation in struggles for justice, peace, and creation. For example, in the late 60s the WCC Programme to Combat Racism led to taking a bold stand in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa.

Churches addressed the role of structural injustice in the economic and financial system in the service of apartheid through boycotting goods and calling for divestment from banks and enterprises collaborating with the apartheid system.

The WCC has used its collective voice in other areas of justice as well, including supporting efforts to bring an end to conflict in Sudan, the reunification of North and South Korea, and the defence of human rights in Latin America during decades of brutal military dictatorships.

Today, the WCC is advocating on key issues like nuclear disarmament, stateless peoples, children's rights, and racial justice at various levels of national and international governance. Since the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change was adopted in 1992, the WCC has been present at all UN climate change conferences.

At the September 2022 meeting, Bishop Dr. Heinrich Bedford-Strohm of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria was elected as the new moderator of the WCC. In his speech, he encouraged churches to listen to the spirit calling them to unity.

"The church can never be provincial or national. The church is always universal. The church can only witness Jesus Christ when we make this visible: that we are one church in this global world," he said. "Where people are suffering, where people cry out for justice, the church must be an agent to give them a voice and to make visible how the church can be the salt of the earth and the light of the world."

Thank you for supporting worldwide ecumenical efforts to build a better world through Mission & Service.