

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

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

**September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Creation Time 3**

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

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: "Prelude in C" 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

In the midst of war and division, we wait for God.

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

In the midst of devastation and loss, we wait for God.

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

In the midst of change and uncertainty, we wait for God.

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

They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God!

*****Hymn: "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace" 265 VU**

**1 Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;**

**let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.**

**2 Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
let waters fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.**

**3 Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.**

**4 Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.**

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

God, in Christ Jesus, grants us grace, mercy, and peace. We receive the treasure of faith entrusted to us with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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: *"Be Thou My Vision"* Alice Parker

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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: *"Seek Ye First the Kingdom"* VU 356 v.1

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

**and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.**

Sermon: "I know What You Did *This* Summer."

Rev. Padre 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**

... 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: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Heart" 472 VU**

- 1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, the light of all
from every bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.**

- 2 Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
you plead with all to call on you,
to those who seek you, you are good,
to those who find you, life is new.**

- 3 We taste your everliving bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead,
our thirsting souls from you we fill.**

- 4 O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the bleak night of sin away;
shed o'er the world your holy light.**

*****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

Date	October 2nd	October 9th	October 16th	October 23rd
Preacher	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	John Brooks	Rev. Andrew Lee
Church Year	Seventeenth after Pentecost Worldwide Communion Sunday Creation Time 4	Eighteenth after Pentecost Thanksgiving Sunday Creation Time 5	Nineteenth after Pentecost	Twentieth after Pentecost
Liturgical Colour	Orange	Orange	Green	Green

World Communion Service

Rev. Roffey will preside the World Communion Service next Sunday.

YAYA Praise Band Practice

YAYA will resume the band practice in October.

Sunday, October 2nd – World Wide Communion Sunday

September 30th is Truth & Reconciliation Day or Orange Shirt Day. On October 2nd, everyone is invited to wear an orange shirt to remember and honour all the Indigenous children who went to Residential School and those children who died at school.

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

Women bear the brunt of effects of climate change in Zambia

In areas where historically there has been little rain, now there are floods, and where there were floods, now there are droughts. That's how Shadrick Chembe, the Monitoring and Evaluation Manager at Women for Change—an organization in Zambia that strives to improve conditions in rural communities by empowering women and girls—describes the changing climate in Zambia. Women bear the brunt.

"In Zambia, women are still responsible for collecting firewood and charcoal and making food. Now, because of climate change, they have to walk a longer distance to gather firewood. Charcoal is harder to get. That means it's harder to make food. At the same time, women aren't involved in the decision-making processes that impact this work," explains Chembe.

Women for Change was established in 1992, and its long-standing partnership with the United Church stretches back to 1995. From the beginning, mobilizing communities to share ideas and best practices has been key to the work. Since its inception, 1,500 community groups have been established, with 25-40 people in each group and representatives from each forming associations. The groups discuss a variety of justice-related topics. Building climate resiliency by preparing for, recovering from, and adapting to drastically changing weather patterns is a priority.

Weather extremes due to climate change coupled with companies promoting seeds that only produce a single crop increasingly put people at risk.

"The majority of farmers are poor. They can't buy seeds, but companies have created seeds that force farmers to have to purchase them each year," says Chembe. "Groups discuss how they can save and share seeds, what they can plant with longer or shorter rains, and if there are traditional methods that can increase food production," he says, adding, "We are grateful for the United Church's support. The church has really been there for many years, helping us build awareness and resiliency. It's been a real partnership."

Your gifts through Mission & Service support long-term, life-changing work through committed partners like Women for Change. Thank you.