

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

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

June 4, 2023

Trinity Sunday

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

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: "Moonlight Sonata"

L. Beethoven

Announcements

Passing the Peace of Christ (2 Corinthians 13: 13)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

And also with you!

Let us greet each other with the Peace of Christ.

Lighting of the Christ 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

Something amazing happened among the disciples.

Something amazing is happening among us!

God was in their midst calling them to be the church.

God is in our midst calling us to join them and to be the church.

Let the Holy Spirit fill us with visions of faithfulness.

We worship knowing that we will be forever changed!

Praise be to our amazing God!

*****Hymn: "Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth"**

VU 207

- 1 Spirit of God, unleashed on earth
with rush of wind and roar of flame!
With tongues of fire saints spread good news;
earth, kindling, blazed its loud acclaim.**
- 2 You came in power, the church was born;
O Holy Spirit, come again!
From living waters raise new saints,
let new tongues hail the risen Lord.**
- 3 With burning words of victory won
inspire our hearts grown cold with fear,
revive in us baptismal grace,
and fan our smouldering lives to flame.**

Opening Prayer

Our spirits are like flames within us. God fans these small fires like a gentle breeze.

Pour out your Spirit, O God!

The Spirit's fire urges us to forgive one another and to be forgiven.

Pour out your Spirit, O God!

God of life, sometimes the unpredictable fire of Pentecost is unsettling to us. We confess that we may feel more comfortable with the familiarity of Christmas and with Easter's calmer joy.

Pour out your Spirit, O God!

We confess that we are sometimes reluctant to trust in passion! Like the first Pentecost witnesses, we may worry about appearing foolish or out of control.

Pour out your Spirit, O God!

Pentecost is the day we mark as the birthday of the church! Yet we confess that as a church we sometimes carry heavy burdens, and may forget to celebrate.

Pour out your Spirit, O God!

God of Pentecostal excitement, we admit that your very wind and fire is frightening to us! We often try to put out fires, and to contain the burning heat of the Spirit. We repent.

Pour out your Spirit, O God!

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God! Help us to trust you and your passion for us, for one another and for all the earth. Pour out your Spirit, and set us on fire with Good News!

Pour out your Spirit, O God! Amen.

Response: "God Says" MV 172, v.1

**God says, "Be still so you may hear
the words I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen, you will know
I'm with you always where you go."**

Words of Grace

Be assured that God's Spirit has come and dwells within us and with us. As the fire cleanses and brings new life where little seemed to live before, God gives new life to all. The past is gone. The new day has come. Our sins are forgiven.

Response: "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV 161, v. 1

**I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.**

**Ministry of Music: "My Tribute" A. Crouch
Soloist: Sandra Kirby**

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 18: 21-35

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

**Response: Psalm 119 VU 840, R#5
Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.**

Sermon: "Acceptance – The Binding Factor"

The Rev. Bruce J. Roffey

Time for Silent Reflection

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Hymn:

"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face" VU 459 v. 1-3

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for me spread;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.

... WITH FAITH OPEN TO CHRIST'S INVITATION ...

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayers

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Christ is present here.

The Spirit is among us.

Let us give thanks to God,

in memory and in hope.

We give thanks, life-giving God. In the beginning your Spirit moved across the face of the waters, ... Therefore we join your people of every time and place, gathered in word and spirit

with the whole company in heaven and on earth, singing the never-ending song of praise,

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

In the fullness of time, you gave us your Son Jesus Christ, to be for us the way, the truth and the life. ... By the baptism of water and your Holy Spirit send us as your witnesses into all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most Holy, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Post-Communion Prayers

Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a world of need,
here we have tasted your goodness and hungered for a world more just.

Though afflicted by brokenness and division,
here we have heard your call to be a people of healing community.

Though daily we touch our limits,
here we have received the fullness of your grace.

Send us forth, O God,
in faith, in hope, and in love.
Amen.

***** Hymn: "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"
VU 459, v. 4 & 5**

**4 Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.**

**5 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.**

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

Prayers of the People

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe on us today. Give us new life and a new vision. Fill our hearts with the knowledge of your love.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe into our community. Give us the boldness to proclaim your good news to everyone.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe into our church. May your streams of living water flow through our community, that the lame might walk, the deaf hear, the blind see, the discouraged find hope and the sick be healed.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe on our world today and renew the face of the earth. May your love and peace reign in every heart.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe on us today. Fill us with your holy fire.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

*****Closing Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" VU 371**

**1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key**

**that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

*****Commissioning / Benediction** (Matthew 28: 18-20)

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

We go into God's world strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit, following the way of Christ and inviting others to join us.

May the blessing of the most Holy Trinity –
God unbegotten,
God incarnate
God among us,
Keep us now and evermore.

May God bless each one of you. May God bless us all.

Amen.

*****Choral Blessing: "God the Spirit Dwells"
 VU 167, verse for Pentecost
 God the Spirit dwells within us, glory, hallelujah!
 God the Spirit dwells within us, glory, hallelujah!
 God the Spirit with us, glory, hallelujah!
 God the Spirit with us, glory, hallelujah!**

Postlude: "Minuet in G" L. Beethoven

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Schedule

Date	June 11	June 18	June 25
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev Andrew Lee and Rev Bruce Roffey
Church Year	Second Sunday after Pentecost	Third Sunday after Pentecost	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - YUM Service - Rev. Bruce Roffey retires Potluck Lunch
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green

SUMMER SERVICES

All York United Ministries Churches will be closed in July.

August 6th to September 3rd, the churches will rotate services as follows:

- August 6 – York Pines UC
- August 13 – New Hope UC
- August 20 – King City UC
- August 27 – York Pines UC
- September 3 – King City UC

We welcome you all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Broadview Magazine Renewal

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June 25th – YUM Service

On Sunday, June 25th all three churches will gather at King City United for Rev Bruce Roffey's last service. Both Rev Bruce and Rev Andrew will be officiating the service. Afterwards there will be a potluck lunch. Please bring something yummy to share.

June 30th 2 – 7 p.m. York Pines Strawberry Social

Join York Pines UC for cake topped with strawberries and real whip cream. Advance tickets \$15 Adults; after June 22nd \$20; Children \$5 Call 905-727-8118 for tickets or more info.

The **York Pines Morning Coffee Book Club** has posted their book list to be discussed from Sept. 2023 to May 2024. The meeting day has been moved to Mondays both in person at York Pines UC and online through Zoom. Please see the bulletin board for the list of upcoming books to be discussed and also a list of suggested books you might want to read.

Minute for Mission by Mission & Service

A powerful way to learn and share the story of cultural resilience



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Storytelling is a powerful way to preserve and share history. The theatre performance, Bunk #7, does just that.

Bunk #7 shares the true story of six boys rioting against the mistreatment and many forms of abuse they received at Edmonton Indian Residential School in St. Albert, Alberta, in the early 1960s. Written by the late Nisga'a MLA Larry Guno, the play is based on his own experience at the residential school and named for his bunk number.

The cast features Indigenous youth and young adults, offering a powerful way for the cast and audiences to learn and share the story of cultural resilience. In November 2021, the play premiered at Raven Theatre in British Columbia to a full audience. With overwhelming support, the performers went on a tour of northwestern BC to share the transformative journey.

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