

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

**October 1, 2023**  
**World Communion Sunday / Creation Time 4**  
**(\*\*\* Please rise as you are able)**  
(Words in **Bold** said by all)

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

**Prelude:** **"Prelude in E Minor"** **F. Chopin**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

Peace of Jesus Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

**Acknowledgement of the Land**

By now we know fully that we gather in the territory of the Ojibway peoples of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We support and accept the principles of Truth and Reconciliation. We acknowledge Anishinaabe stewardship to Mother Earth as we worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together, with mutual respect.

**Welcome, Life & Work with King City UC & YUM**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

In this Season of the Spirit we light a candle, reminding us of the fire of hope and freedom

**as this flame flickers in our midst, we commit ourselves to spread its light and heat in the world**

Gathered as Spirit-filled disciples of Christ, we quiet our hearts for worship.

**Music for the Candle**

**Call to Worship**

We gather to celebrate God's world.

**We gather to rejoice in this abundant love.**

We gather to eat and remember.

**Come let us worship.**

**\*\*\*Hymn:** **"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"** **VU 326**

**1 O for a thousand tongues to sing**  
**my great Redeemer's praise,**  
**the glories of my God and King,**  
**the triumphs of God's grace.**

**2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,**  
**that bids our sorrows cease;**  
**'tis music in the sinner's ears,**  
**'tis life and health and peace.**

- 3 He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken-hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.
- 4 Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,  
your tongues again employ;  
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,  
and leap, you lame, for joy!
- 5 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of your name.

#### Opening Prayer

God, we give thanks for the beauty that surrounds us. We sense the smell of the food that sustains us. We feel hugs and greetings that nurture us. We hear laughter and songs that nourish us. Remind us to listen to your world, the moans and joys. Teach us to care for and treasure your body, your world, as we do our own. We pray in Jesus' name, who offers us the bread of life, 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 al-ways where you go."

#### Words of Grace

In Christ there is no East nor West, no North or South, there is only abundant giving and Radical loving. God invites us to embrace abundant living and as we do, to remember our sisters and brothers throughout the word.

**Thanks be to God!**

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 gift-ed, called, and chosen; you are mine.

Ministry of Music: *"Make a Joyful Noise"* L. Good  
Solo: Tobi Baumhard

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

#### For the Young at Heart

Hymn: *"Three Things I Promise"* MV 176 v.1  
Three things I promise, Holy God,  
in age and youth, in life and death:  
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

## Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture Reading:** *Philippians 2: 1-13*

This is the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Response: Ps.119**

**VU 840 R#5**

**"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path."**

**Sermon: "Courageous Food!"**

**Rev. Evelyn McLachlan**

## Time for Silent Reflection

**\*\*\*Hymn: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

**VU593**

*Refrain:* **Jesu,\* Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbours we have from you.**

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them. R**
- 2 Neighbours are rich and poor,  
varied in colour and race,  
neighbours are near and far away. R**
- 3 These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love,  
all are neighbours to us and you. R**
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you. R**

\* 'Jesu' may be pronounced 'Yay-soo.'

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**\*\*\*Offertory Hymn: "In Gratitude and Humble Trust"**

**VU 544**

**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 (*Altogether*)**

**Take these gifts to sustain your work in the world, O God. Take our  
hands in service with the teachings of Jesus. Take our hearts that we  
might nourish creation as the Body of Christ, living and growing.  
Amen.**

**...SERVICE OF COMMUNION...**

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**Hymn: "All Who Hunger" VU460**

- 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.**

God be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts;

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God!

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise!**

Though creation sometimes weeps, we wait lovingly for you, God. For you created the heavens, earth, and all that is in them: you cast sunbeams, open flowers, and feed insects. You are beyond the galaxies, under the oceans, and inside each grain of wheat. You could sustain all of your creation,

**but you will not, without us.**

Thank you for the wonders of creation and for your great trust in us.

Though humanity sometimes weeps,

**we wait lovingly for you, God.**

For you smiled on an outcasted Hagar, blessing her descendants, you guided the doubtful Israelites, leading them to freedom, you spoke through the Judges and the Prophets, providing words of wisdom, you lived among us as a teacher, healer, and friend, giving us a sacred path to follow.

You could have made us self-sustaining,  
**but you did not, your love sustains us.**

Thank you for the worldwide fellowship of disciples, who faithfully attempt to share your love with all of creation.

**Sanctus** (*sung*)

**MV203**

**O holy, holy holy God,  
O God of time and space.  
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.  
Hosanna in the highest heaven,  
Creation sings your praise and blessed is the One who comes and  
bears your name always!**

In Jesus, love incarnate, you provide all we need for each day: his words comfort the weary; his actions challenge the contented; his touch heals the sick; his presence feeds the deepest hunger in our souls. In Jesus and in his feast you provide for us the sustenance we need to respond to the cries of creation.

The bread of life  
**nourishes our deprived bodies.**  
The cup of blessings  
**revives our thirsty souls.**  
The gathered community  
**strengthens our growing faith.**

**Memorial Acclamation** (*sung*)

**MV204**

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!  
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Though the church sometimes weeps,  
**we wait lovingly for you, God.**

For centuries Christians of different customs have gathered to commune with you and each other through the sharing of this feast.

**In their partaking you have been with them, just as you are with us now.**

And so we join with our siblings around the world by remembering that on the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "Take eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

God, we remember and give thanks for your son, and we ask that you bless and pour your spirit on these simple things, bread and wine:

**Make this broken bread whole in our taking. Make this full cup overflow in our sharing.**

With these elements nourish and sustain us, our way, our truth, our life; our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer. Praise be to you, now, tomorrow, and forever.

**Great Amen** (*sung*)

**MV205**

**Amen, Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!  
Amen, Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Sharing the Elements**

This is the bread of life and the cup of the new covenant. It is given for all who come. Be fed, for all things are ready.

**Prayer After Communion**

(*from: Worship Ways, Vol. 7 No. 3*)

**We thank you God because you have invited us to this table. Here we are strengthened for the task ahead of us: the loving of the world. Here we receive all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith. Help us love one another and your creation more. Teach us to pray, share, sing, teach, feed, heal, call and welcome as you have done to us. Make our lives a form of praise for your love shown to us through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

**\*\*\*Closing Hymn: "Draw The Circle Wide"**

**MV145**

*Refrain:* **Draw the circle wide.  
Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song,  
no one stands alone,  
standing side by side,  
Draw the circle wide.**

- 1. God the still point of the circle.  
'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever,  
in God's gracious arms. R**
- 2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God's call. R**
- 3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;**

**let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door. R**

**\*\*\*Commissioning / Benediction**

We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

**\*\*\*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 He 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: "To A Wild Rose"**

**E. Macdowell**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We warmly welcome Rev. Evelyn McLachlan this morning as she leads us in worship**

**Worship Schedule**

Oct. 8 - Creation 5 – Thanksgiving Sunday - Rev. Andrew Lee

Oct. 15 – 20<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost – Rick McKinlay

Oct. 22 – 21<sup>st</sup> after Pentecost – Rev. Andrew Lee

Oct. 29- 22<sup>nd</sup> after Pentecost – Rev. Evelyn McLachlan

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

**Creation Times**

We are in Creation Times in the season of Pentecost in 2023. The liturgical colours are orange and green, and the worships share the theme of God's Creation.

**Thanksgiving Sunday**

Let's celebrate Thanksgiving and decorate the sanctuary together. Please bring in non-perishable items for decoration of the Sanctuary which will be donated to the King Township Food Bank.

**Apple Picking**

YAYA have invited York United Ministries to pick apples with them in King City on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to Rev Andrew for details.

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.

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### **Mission & Service Stories**

*Providing children with the skillset they need to thrive after graduation.*

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When we think of education, many of us envision a classroom with books and chalkboards. But education extends far beyond that: Through education, we can also learn how the world works and how we work in the world.

The Women and Family Services division at the Church of Christ in Congo provides children with the education and training they need to take charge of their own lives when they leave school. With a combination of traditional education and life skills, they provide each child with the skillset they need to thrive after graduation.

Through funding, livestock and seeds are purchased to teach children sustainable agriculture. Older children have the opportunity to assist with livestock after their classes. They learn to care for chickens and take part in odd jobs in the fields.

Your generosity through Mission and Service helps fund programs that inspire learning and skills for life. Thank you.