

# **KING CITY UNITED CHURCH**

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

**March 26, 2023**

**Lent 5**

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

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

**Prelude: "Monologue" J. Rheimberger**

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

Peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

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

### **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**

God is in our midst.

**Come, let us celebrate God's presence.**

Christ is in our midst.

**We are here to listen for the call to serve others.**

The Spirit is in our midst.

**We are aware of a power greater than ourselves to guide and uplift us.**

**\*\*\*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**

**Response:                    "O God Hear My Prayer"                    VU 948**  
**O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer**  
**When I call answer me.**  
**O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer**  
**Come and listen to me.**

### **Words of Grace**

**Response                    "I Am the Dream"                    MV 106 v.3**  
**You are the word and I the e-cho.**  
**You are the leader and I- am the led.**  
**You are the joy and I the laughter.**  
**You are the Rock on which I lay my head.**

### **\*\*\*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 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.**

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

For the Young at Heart

**\*\*\*Hymn: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" VU 703**

**1 In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**2 There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**3 In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Readings**

**Psalm 130 (VU p. 853, Refrain #2)**

*Refrain:* **Out of the depths I cry to you, my hope is in  
your promise true.**

Out of the depths have I called to you. O God, hear my cry!  
**Let your ears be attentive to my plea for mercy.**

If you should keep account of what is done amiss,  
O God, who could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you,  
therefore we will honour you. R**

I wait for you, God;  
my soul waits, and in your word is my hope.

**My soul waits for God  
more than the watchers long for morning,  
more than the watchers long for morning.**

O Israel, wait in hope, for with God there is love unending.

**With God is great power to redeem,  
to redeem you, Israel, from all your sins. R**

### **John 11: 1-45**

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

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

**Sermon: "Resurrection, Then and Now"**  
**The Rev. Bruce J. Roffey**

### **Time for Silent Reflection**

**\*\*\*Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" VU 382**

**1 Breathe on me, breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2 Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with thine,  
to do and to endure.**

**3 Breathe on me, breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.**

**4 Breathe on me, breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.**

## **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**

## **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. 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.**

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

### **\*\*\*Closing Hymn:**

***"Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"*** VU 108

- 1 Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
we live in hope till Easter Day.**
  
- 2 The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,  
who found in weakness greater power,  
embraces us, though lost and flawed,  
and leads us to his Rising Hour.**

**3 We bear the silence, cross and pain  
of human burdens, human strife,  
while sisters, brothers help sustain  
our courage till the Feast of Life.**

**4 And though the road is hard and steep,  
the Spirit ever calls us on through  
Calvary's dying, dark and deep,  
until we see the coming Dawn.**

**5 So let us choose the path of One  
who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,  
and slept in death that we might wake  
to life on Resurrection Morn!**

**6 Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing  
and shout hosannas! Raise the strain!  
For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings  
on Easter Day will rise again!**

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

**\*\*\*Choral Blessing: "*Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*"  
VU 121 (a verse for Lent)**

**God of all our fear and sorrow,  
God who lives beyond our death;  
hold us close through each tomorrow,  
love as near as every breath,  
love as near as every breath.**

**\*\*\*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: "*Monologue*" (Continued) J. Rheimberger**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Worship Schedule**

Date	April 2	April 7	April 9	April 16
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	The Ministers (Joint Service)	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee
Church Year	Palm Sunday (Communion)	Good Friday	Easter	Second Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Colour	Purple	Black	Gold/White	White

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

### **Easter Food Drive**

We are running an Easter Drive for the King Township Food Bank. The food can be put in the rolling wooden box in the Narthex and if it gets too full. The cut-off date for accepting donations for this drive is this Wednesday, *March 29th* so that we can get the food to where it is needed. If you can't get out and shop a monetary donation is gratefully accepted. Thank you for your compassion.

### **Good Friday Service**

York United Ministries will worship together on Good Friday at King City United Church on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

### **Weekly Friday Coffee Gathering is on!**

King City resumes the coffee time on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. The location is *Gramma's Oven* at 12960 Yonge St. (Yonge on the east side just south of King). Come and join us!

### **Lenten Study and Prayer**

YUM is meeting Friday for a Lenten study group. The first part of each meeting will use the book from the United Church, *Good Courage*. These discussions allow you to share your thoughts on your faith and hear other people's perspectives. The last ten or fifteen minutes would be led by Rev. Andrew using the *Lectio Divina* methodology, a guided reflection/meditation. The next session will be at King City United Church at 1 p.m.

### **York Pines Book Club**

The next meeting is on April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m. in person or on Zoom. The book being discussed is "*Sacred Earth Sacred Soul*" by John Philip Newell. The Facilitator is Muriel Cober.

### **Save the Date**

Saturday, May 27, 2023 for a New Hope Fundraiser. Quilt Trunk Show and Tea. Details to follow.

### **Offering**

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. Your support is much appreciated.

## **Minute for Mission**

Arwa's family found a place to belong at Montreal City Mission.



We all need someone who believes in us. Someone who supports our dreams. Here's one story of how your belief and support make all the difference.

In 2017, Arwa was a Palestinian refugee who had just arrived in Montreal. She had made a harrowing journey, travelling

from Saudi Arabia through New York City with three children in tow. "It wasn't easy for me. I was a single mom in a new country with new people. I was struggling for housing and looking for a job. It wasn't easy at all," she says.

Arwa sought help at Montreal City Mission, an outreach ministry your Mission & Service gifts support. There, her whole family found a place to belong. Arwa's children made friends, and she benefited from training programs and events.

It wasn't long before Arwa gathered a group of women together to form a catering cooperative called Women Weaving Their Dreams, which specializes in homemade Middle Eastern meals. The group was going strong and the women were becoming more financially secure when COVID-19 struck.

No stranger to hardship, Arwa was determined to help others through the pandemic. She initiated a sewing circle to make masks. In a relatively short period of time, the women of this sewing group made over 2,000 cloth masks for unhoused people and people with low incomes in their community. "I was so happy to help people," says Arwa, whose extraordinary leadership skills landed her a full-time job at Montreal City Mission.

"I consider myself a lucky person that I got to know this organization. It has become not only my full-time job, not only my provider. It has become my home. I hope to see more and more women getting the same chance to have this better life for their families," she says. "I wanted a country that could hold me and hug me my whole life long. I found it in Canada."

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