

**YORK UNITED MINISTRIES
HOSTED BY KING CITY UNITED CHURCH**

**February 20, 2022
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Black History Month**

(Words in **Bold** said by all)
(* ** Please stand, if able)

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Bedford" H. Willan

Lighting of the Worship Candle

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Call to Worship

*** ** Hymn: "Come, Come Emmanuel" MV 11
(Four times Without Cantor)
||: Come, Come Emmanuel. Come Emmanuel :|| (x4)**

Opening Prayer

Words of Grace

Be merciful, as God is merciful; do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; but forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. **Amen.**

Thanks be to God.

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, by your Word you provide all we need— for salvation for wholeness, for abundant life. Now draw us close in your Spirit so that we may discover your will and live according to your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.^[a] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

This is the Word of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "I Believe"

**Graham Drake
Solo: John Kell**

Sermon

Rev. Andrew K. Lee

Music for Prayerful Reflection

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***** Offertory Prayer in Unison**

Holy God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold. Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others in the name of the one who gave everything for us. Amen.

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.

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

***** Hymn: All The Way My Saviour Leads Me**

VU #635

- 1 All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.**

- 2 All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see!**

- 3 All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'**

Commissioning / Benediction

Postlude:

“Coro”

G Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship services – Due to Covid and its variants, York United Ministries (YUM) are continuing with livestream Zoom services until the end of February. Starting March 6th, each church will return to regular in-person worship services. King City United has returned to in-person worship services (25 person limit) at 10 a.m. this week, as well as the live-stream Zoom platform (call King City UC to register to attend the service at 905-833-5181). Next Sunday New Hope will host a Zoom service; and King City will host an in-person worship with their AGM being held immediately following the service. The worship schedule is subject to change.

Worship Schedule

Date	Feb. 20 th	Feb. 27 th		Mar. 6
Host Church	King City (in person and on Zoom)	New Hope (on Zoom)	King City (in person)	In-Person and Regular Worship Services at King City, York Pines, and New Hope, led by the ministers
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	
Music Director	Rosemary Karunaratne	Sunny Rakovac	Rosemary Karunaratne	
Sunday of the Church Year	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	Transfiguration		First Sunday in Lent
UCC	Black History Month			
Liturgical Colour	Green	White		Purple

York Pines Book Club – *Change in meeting day*

The next Book Club meeting will be held on *Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7 p.m.* They will be discussing the book **“The Other Side of the River: from Church Pew to Sweat Lodge”** by Alf Dumont. The facilitator for this meeting will be Muriel Cober. *We are pleased that Alf Dumont will be joining us on our Zoom meeting.* If you are interested in joining the Book Club contact York Pines United Church by sending an email to yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or calling 905-727-8118.

Black History Month

We celebrate Black History Month in February every year. It is not only a time of reflection on colonialism in the past and neo-colonialism in the present, but also a time of appreciation and celebration of the works and contribution by African Canadians in our history.

Worship Lighting

In preparation for each Zoom worship, please has a candle at hand, if possible, which you can light during the Lighting of the Worship Candle liturgy. It may remind us of the presence of God with us while we are worshipping apart.

YUM Calendar

Feb. 27th at 11:00 a.m. King City's Annual Meeting (In-Person at church)
Feb 27th (after KCUC AGM) KCUC Council Meeting
March 8th at 2:00 p.m. York Pines' Council Meeting
March 15th at 7:30 p.m. New Hope's Council Meeting
March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Oversight Team Meeting

Zoom Pastoral Counselling

Rev. Lee offers pastoral counseling through Zoom. Please contact Rev. Lee (leeky3@mcmaster.ca) for the arrangement.

"Praise With Us!"

Let's sing together! Please watch our YouTube channel. Our stories and songs will be uploaded continually. If you want to share your stories or songs, please contact Rev. Lee (leeky3@mcmaster.ca). While being invited, Rev. Lee offers a sing-a-long time. This week, let's learn and praise #16 MV "*Confidemi Domino.*"

Offering - Thank you for sending your offerings to the church. Your offerings support the ministry of the church and have been much appreciated. Please mail a cheque to your church directly, or make an e-transfer to their email address.

KAIROS Canada: Faithful Action for Justice

Empowering Temporary Foreign Workers Project- The Current State of Migrant Work in Canada. This webinar may include:

- Services for Temporary Foreign Workers, in particular migrant farmworkers
- Increasing awareness amongst Temporary Foreign Workers of health and safety precautions related to COVID-19

- Services and benefits available during the pandemic
 - Gaps in existing supports and services within the current COVID-19 context
 - Strengthening capacity of the network to accompany Temporary Foreign Workers in accessing services and benefits, and to exercise their rights
- February 23, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. EDT

Free Registration:

<https://secure.kairoscanada.org/civicrm/event/info?id=263>

Minute for Mission

Record numbers of families are turning to our Mission & Service partners for support.

In the last two years, visits to Canadian food banks have climbed 20 percent. Today, over 33 percent of foodbank users are children. For families already struggling, there's no relief in sight. Food prices are set to rise another 5 to 7 percent this year.

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That's why on February 21—as many provinces celebrate Family Day—Mission & Service is launching a special appeal to support Canadian families. Your gift of just \$25 will provide a family of four with a warm, nutritious meal. \$50 will support a family with two meals. \$175 will ensure a family can eat a good, healthy meal every day of the week.

Whether you are celebrating Family Day, Heritage Day, or if it's just another day, let's make February 21 a day of generosity. If you are able, please make a special gift([opens in a new tab](#)) to help families, and make sure your friends know there is an opportunity to give. With new variants, rolling school closures, lockdowns, fear, and uncertainty, families are more stressed than ever. It doesn't cost a lot to show we care.

Above all, let us pray for families:

O God, bless our families.

Bless parents who are on edge balancing parenting and work responsibilities.

Bless those who feel isolated and alone without childcare supports.
Bless parents who are physically and mentally drained.
Bless those who are unable to find or afford safe housing and stable jobs.
Bless those giving it their all to approach this time with creativity and compassion.
Bless children who feel the uncertainty of these days most acutely.
Bless those living in unsafe home environments.
Bless young people who are missing friends and gatherings.
Bless teens who grieve the loss of graduation celebrations, who have delayed further education and work opportunities, and who are waiting for driver's tests.
Bless families facing financial insecurity, struggling to put food on the table.
Bless all experiencing anxiety, depression, and other mental health challenges.
Bless those waiting for vaccinations and tests, worried about staying or recovering well.
Bless families to express warmth, caring, patience, forgiveness, and love toward one another.
Bless them to know it's okay to not be okay, and to reach out for support.
Bless them with the peace and grace of your holy spirit.
Bless them to know they aren't alone.
Amen.