YORK UNITED MINISTRIES HOSTED BY YORK PINES UNITED CHURCH

January 23, 2022
Third Sunday After Epiphany
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
(*** Please rise as you are able)
(Words in Bold said by all)

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: "Farley Castle" J. Nixon

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.

Announcements

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: "O for a World" 697 VU

- O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
- O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

- We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
- The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
 Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
- O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Grace

The Rev. Andrew K. Lee

God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee.

Thanks be to God.

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

Prayer for Illumination

Just as we see your wisdom and glory in nature around us, God, may we hear your Word for us in the words of these readings, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be drawn closer to you. Through your great preacher, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on

the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Andrew K. Lee

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Invitation

***Offertory Prayer in Unison

God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign in this world. 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:

"Live Into Hope"

#699 VU

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

- 2 Live into hope the blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.
- 3 Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
- 4 Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

***Commissioning / Benediction

Postlude: "Fugue" A. V. Fish

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship services – Due to rising Covid (and its variant) case numbers, York United Ministries decided take proactive precautions and return to online services on a rotational basis. Next week, King City will be hosting the service at 10 a.m. A Zoom invitation will be sent you to late in the week.

Worship Schedule

Date	Jan. 23th	Jan. 30th	Feb. 6th	Feb. 13th
Host Church	York Pines	King City	New Hope	York Pines
Preacher	Rev. Andrew	Rev. Bruce	Rev. Andrew	Rev. Bruce
	Lee	Roffey	Lee	Roffey
Music	Ted Anderson	Rosemary	Sunny	Ted Anderson
Director		Karunaratne	Rakovac	

Oversight Team Meeting

The Oversight Team meeting is scheduled today at 11 a.m. after the worship service.

York Pines Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be held on *Wednesday*, *January 26*, *2022*. They will be discussing the book "The Forgotten Home Child" by Genevieve Graham. The facilitator for this meeting will be Christine Gunter. 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. The book for February is "The Other Side of the River: from Church Pew to Sweat Lodge" by Alf Dumont.

YAYA YTB Q-Box Series

YAYA YTB Q-Box Series is being updated. Rev. Andrew responded to the question; "How do we reconcile thanking soldiers for killing/hurting someone else and how is God good with that?" Please check the YUM YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL772mvVOna2VqaLlmkQsNw

"Praise With Us!"

Rev. Lee is designing a new weekday program, "**Praise With Us!**" People are to be invited to present his/her favourite song and the story of it. We will have time to sing along or learn the song. YAYA will also be invited. If you want to add ideas, please let Rev. Lee know.

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 etransfer to their email address.

New Hope Fundraiser

Our Frozen Meal Program is back by popular demand. It will be available through 2022 but as mentioned last year, still 4 months but with breathing space in between!! All of the meals are OK for at least 3 months in the freezer so you can plan ahead.

Menu issued in January for mid-end February delivery

Menu issued in March for mid - end April delivery

Menu issued in August for mid-end September delivery

Menu issued in October for mid-end November delivery.

If you are interested, but did not receive January's menu via an email from your home church, please contact New Hope at newhopeunited@bellnet.ca or leave a message at 905-738-6446 and a copy will be sent to you.

Minute for Mission

Mission & Service partners have been working hard to respond to the emergency.

Last August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwestern Haiti. This disaster killed at least 2,248 people and injured more than 12,700. It destroyed buildings and infrastructure, impacting hundreds of thousands of people. Days later, Tropical Storm Grace compounded the situation, bringing heavy rains that triggered mudslides. Since the earthquake, a severe fuel shortage, growing insecurity, and increasing water shortages have hampered efforts to restore basic services to thousands in need across the country.

In the five months since the earthquake struck, Mission & Service partners have been working hard to respond to the emergency. Through them, your generous gifts to the Haiti Emergency Appeal is helping people rebuild their lives.

Your support has provided

medical supplies and first aid kits
water treatment tablets
temporary shelters
food packages of rice, beans, and cooking oil
tools, seeds, and livestock for families and farmers
hygienic sanitation services
access to safe water for drinking, cooking, and personal hygiene
rehabilitated or reconstructed earthquake- and hurricane-resistant
houses
psychological support

This list consists mostly of things. Imagine their impact on people—on families like yours!

Imagine what it means when your life has been turned upside down to have a place to turn to for a meal, somewhere to lay your head, and later to have support to rebuild your home and someone in your life to talk to about what you have been through.

This is the difference your generosity makes.

Thank you for caring.