

York Pines United Church

Sunday, June 19, 2022

Fathers' Day

*Please stand as you are able

We Gather as God's People

Prelude: Lux Benigna: R. Lloyd

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 Christ Candle

Call to Worship based on 2 Corinthians 5)

We walk by faith, not by sight.

Yes, we walk by faith – faith that is God's gift to us.

We walk by faith, not by sight

because sight falters, and sight can be deceived.

We walk by faith, not by sight.

Faith will not fail us, nor will it disappoint. We gather here and worship to strengthen our faith, to encourage one another in the faith, and to testify to that same faith with joy and conviction.

Come then to be strengthened and encouraged, renewed in faith, and thereby filled with joy.

Thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn: "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" VU
240**

**1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,**

**who, like me, should sing God's praise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the Maker all your days!**

**2 Praise God for the grace and favour
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!**

**3 Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
All within me, praise God's name!**

**4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the high eternal one.**

**5 Angels, teach us adoration,
you behold God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

Opening Prayer

Response: *"Take, O Take Me as I Am"* MV 85
**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

Words of Assurance (based on 2 Corinthians 5: 16-17)

Response: "Don't Be Afraid"

MV 90

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised
Promised to be always near.**

***Affirmation of Faith: 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.**

**Ministry of Music: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love: are. L.
Larson**

We Listen for the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17
Mark 4: 26-34

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

Sung Response: "Holy Sacred Spirit" (Sung twice) MV 15
Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your breath on us.
Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your life in us.

For the Child in All of Us

***Hymn: "Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold" VU 605**

**1 Jesus, teacher, brave and bold,
let us serve you, young and old.
Let us faith-filled workers be,
all around, your wisdom see.
Let us play and dance and sing,
your goodness find in everything.**

**2 Jesus, friend, so strong and true,
show us good, brave work to do.
Show us those who need a friend,
all things broken help us mend.
Free our minds and stretch our care,
teach us to serve you everywhere.**

Reflection: "You Really Need to Be There!" The Rev. Bruce J. Roffey

Music for Silent Reflection

***Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" VU 333**

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,**

nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

We Respond to God's Word

The Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

***Offertory: "In Gratitude and Humble Trust" 544VU**
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.

***Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sung) VU 959
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love as Christians in the World

***Closing Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation" VU 227**

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**
- 2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

Blessing and Sending Forth

***Choral Prayer: "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.

Postlude: Middlebury: D.M. Dicie
(Please remain silently seated for the postlude.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship services

York Pines UC worships at 11:00 in-person on June 26th. The August worship services will be a 10:00 rotating through the three York United Ministries churches.

Worship Schedule follows:

Date	June 26 th	August 7 th	August 14 th	August 21 st
Preacher	Children’s Time - Ted Anderson Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Bruce Roffey assisting
Location	York Pines	New Hope	King City	York Pines
Church Year	Third after Pentecost	Ninth after Pentecost	Tenth after Pentecost	Eleventh after Pentecost
UCC/YUM calendar	Indigenous Sunday	Environment Sunday		
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green

York Pines and YUM Calendar

No worship service in July and will resume in August, gathering in person at New Hope United Church.

Most of other ministries such as pastoral visitations, youth programs, updating educational videos, etc. are operating.

Coffee Hour

A volunteer is needed to make coffee and tea for June. Instructions will be provided, and bringing treats is NOT a requirement. Please let Christine Gunter know if you can help. Thanks to the Wilsons for doing it in April and May!

York Pines Book Club

Check out the list of suggested books to read over the summer. The next Book Club meeting will be on Wed., Sept. 21 at 7:00 pm. Book discussed will be The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman- Retirement Humour. Facilitator: Brenda Walker

Vision Day for the YES (Youth Enrichment on Saturday/Sunday) Program

The first parental gathering will be happening on June 25th (Sat.) at the North Maple Regional Park: 11067 Keele St, Maple, ON L6A 1S1. It has built-in washrooms, fixed tables with canopy, and ample free parking. Please save the day for our next generation. After potluck lunch, the adult group will share our thoughts while our YAYA will have time to walk the trail or play some games. The picnic is not limited to YAYA+, so please come out to the park and enjoy the time of gathering. You may bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit. The details will be noted. All generations are welcomed. For participation and any questions, please contact Rev. Lee.

Indigenous Sunday and Lunch

YPUC will celebrate Indigenous Sunday on June 26th. Ted Anderson will share his story in Children's Time. After service, we will have sandwiches outside after the service. Subway sandwiches and other snacks will be prepared. Please bring your lawn chair. A donation basket will be placed.

Korean Peace Appeal

The United Church of Canada is asked to collect 10,000 signatures to this global campaign. Let's make it happen. Please sign your name for the appeal in the narthex.

In-Person Pastoral Counselling and Visitation

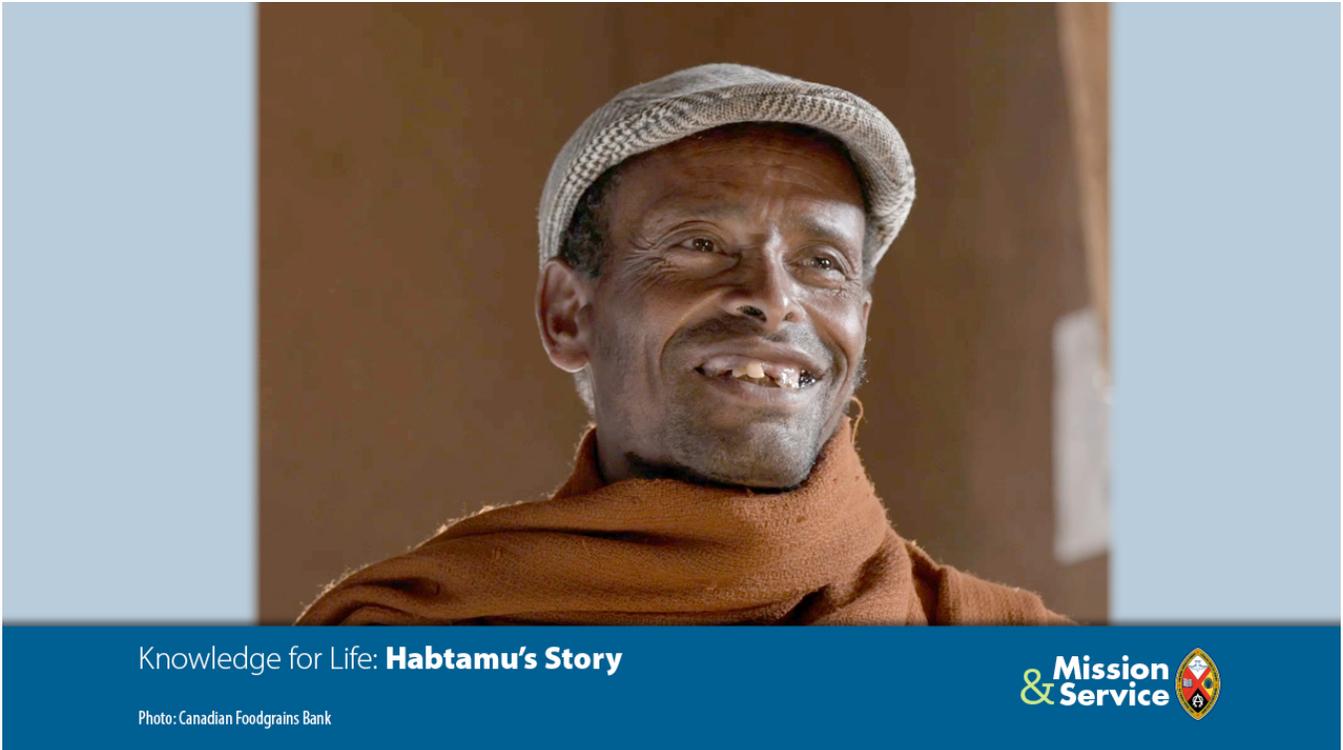
Rev. Lee offers pastoral counseling and visitation. Please contact Rev. Lee (leeky3@mcmaster.ca) to make an appointment.

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 the church email address.

Minute for Mission

“Now I can satisfy the needs of my family and supply the market.”



Knowledge for Life: **Habtamu's Story**

Photo: Canadian Foodgrains Bank



Habtamu and his family live in Ethiopia, where Habtamu farms the land he inherited from his father. Unfortunately, when the land was passed on to him, it wasn't fertile. Teams of oxen used for agriculture had eroded the soil, and the harsh sunlight meant that anything planted in it died.

Thanks to a conservation agriculture program supported by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank,* a Mission & Service partner, Habtamu and his family learned farming techniques that reduce soil erosion, improve soil fertility, and increase productivity. For example, they are using crop by-products as a cover for their soil, preventing it from being exposed to sunlight and rainwater. The impact is incredible.

“Earlier, we were hungry and the land was infertile, but now for the last eight years we have been harvesting a good crop. I am happy we are trying to alleviate our problem, change our lives, and feed our children,” explains Yitayish, Habtamu's wife, while he proudly shows a barn full of grain.

“Before, we only had one or two grain stocks. I used to feed my children with maize I bought at the market, but now I can satisfy the needs of my family and supply the market,” Habtamu says.

Your generosity through [Mission & Service](#) supports the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. This is one of the many ways your gifts help end hunger.

"I would really like to express my deepest gratitude...for giving us knowledge and insights. I am really grateful to you for all the kindness you have shown me," Habtamu says.

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