

York Pines United Church

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Third after Pentecost

Indigenous Sunday

*Please stand as you are able

We Gather as God's People

Prelude: *Arioso on "St Patrick's Breastplate"*

R. Proulx

Acknowledgement of the Land¹

One: Creator, we come together today as diverse, united peoples to give thanks to you, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

All: We come to listen, to learn, to sing and pray, to consider our place in the order of things you have created and are creating.

One: It is right and good to give thanks for the land on which we stand, for this is wisdom we learn from Indigenous peoples of this land—that we are one with the earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

All: Such wisdom, our interdependence with all life, is something too easy to forget in our busy lives! It is a gift and a challenge to us to remember.

One: And so we take time to acknowledge the lands on which we now live.

All: Many of us have come from other places, arriving from distant shores, our families arriving years ago or some of us more recently. When settlers came, they were met by others who were already here, already knew these lands, already lived rich and full lives based on ancient and proud cultures.

One: We acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and the continued claims to the land.

All: We are all kin in Christ with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

Announcements

Minute for Mission

Lighting of the Christ Candle

¹ The contents of the bulletin are modified from "indigenous Day of Prayer 2021" in the UCC website; <https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days/indigenous-day-prayer>, accessed on June 20, 2022.

Call to Worship

One: Be still my soul and wait for God: from God comes my salvation.

All: God alone is my rock; I shall never be shaken.

One: On God rests our deliverance and our honour.

All: My mighty rock, my refuge, my strength is in God.

One: Trust in God at all times, O people.

All: In love, we pour out our hearts before the Lord our God.

***Opening Hymn: "Touch the Earth Lightly" VU 307**

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

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: "Song of Fellowship" D. Besig

We Listen for the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, you are our rock, a foundation upon which we stand. Fill our hearts now with joy at your deep, abiding presence. Encourage us by the teachings of Christ to live with care and compassion for self, friend, and neighbour. As the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear the wisdom and truth that you are saying to us. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:26-28

1 John 5:6-12

This is the Word 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

Ted Anderson

***Hymn: "God, Help Us to Treasure"**

MV 147 v.1

God, help us to treasure these moments of myst'ry; to hallow the Sacred in all that we do. Through-out ev'ry season may we be your agents of love, joy, and blessing as hearts are renewed.

Reflection: "Power of Truth and Wisdom"

Rev. Andrew K. Lee

Music for Silent Reflection

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**

**Eternal God,
who brings joy out of sorrow,
plenty out of want,
life out of death:
we thank you for the treasures of the earth,
your creation, filled with your blessing,
for it was in company with these earthly things
that your Son came to dwell,
showing us the enormity of your love.
Because of the works of the Holy Spirit,
we, too, are inspired, encouraged and empowered
to pray and work for the renewal of ourselves and others.
Take these offerings for the sake of Your Kingdom.
In Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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: "Fairest Lord Jesus" VU 341**

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: "Nimrod" E. Elgar

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship services

The August worship services will be a 10 a.m. rotating through the three York United Ministries churches.

Worship Schedule follows:

Date	August 7 th	August 14 th	August 21 st	August 28 th
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Bruce Roffey assisting	Rev. Bruce Roffey assisting
Location	New Hope	King City	York Pines	New Hope
Church Year	Ninth after Pentecost	Tenth after Pentecost	Eleventh after Pentecost	Twelfth after Pentecost
UCC/YUM calendar	Environment Sunday			
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green

York Pines and YUM Calendar

As noted above, the churches will be closed in July. In August, there will be worship at YUM churches in a rotation basis. Most of other ministries such as pastoral visitations, youth programs, updating educational videos, etc. are operating.

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.

*York Pines is pleased to announce the return of our **Strawberry Supper on June 29th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.*** The menu includes baked ham, potato salad and tossed green salad. For dessert, all-you-can eat luscious, fresh strawberries with white cake and real whipped cream. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children age 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under. The first fifty veterans are free. See Deb Carpenter for dine-in or take-out tickets.

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

Thanks for your participation yesterday.

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. Today is the last day that we prepare the sheet for the appeal.

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.

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