

York Pines United Church

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Reign of Christ Sunday

*Please stand as you are able

We Gather as God's People

Prelude: "This is the Truth Sent From Above" N. Rawsthorne

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

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne.

He did not save himself,
so that he might save us.

He trusted God,
so that we might believe that God is trustworthy.

He was broken,
so that we might be made whole.

He was wounded,
so that we might be healed.

He died,
so that we might live.

He gave his all,
so that we might give ours.

***Opening Hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" VU 211**

**1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:**

**hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.**

**His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

**3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.**

**His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**4 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Opening Prayer

**Response: "Take, O Take Me as I Am"
Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;**

MV 85

**set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

Words of Assurance (based on Colossians 1: 11-20)

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: "Glory to God"

G. Handel

We Listen for the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Colossians 1: 11-20

Luke 23: 33-43

Response:

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: "Fairest Lord Jesus" VU 341**

**1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**4 All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.**

Reflection: "What Kind of King Is This?" The Rev. Bruce J. Roffey

Music for Silent Reflection

***Hymn: "Hail to God's Own Anointed" VU 30**

**1 Hail to God's own anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, God's reign on earth begun!
Christ comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

- 2 Christ comes with justice surely to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.**
- 3 Christ shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.**
- 4 To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.
His name shall stand for ever: that name to us is Love.**

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: "Jesus Shall Reign"**

VU 330

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
and prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**
- 4 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!**

***Blessing and Sending Forth** (based on Colossians 1: 10-12)

Go forth into the world and into this week, seeking to lead a life worthy of our Lord, fully pleasing to him.

**We go seeking to bear fruit in every good work and to
increase in our knowledge of God.**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to God.

May God bless each one of you. May God bless us all.

Amen.

***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: "Watchman Tell Us of the Night" Aberystwyth
arr. J. Mansfield**

(Please remain silently seated for the postlude.)

Announcements

Worship Schedule

Date	November 27th	December 4th	December 11th	December 18th
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey
Church Year	First Sunday of Advent Communion	Second Sunday of Advent	Third Sunday of Advent Lessons & Carols	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Colour	Blue/Purple	Blue/Purple	Blue/Purple	Blue/Purple

York Pines Book Club

The next Book Club meeting using Zoom and in-person at York Pines format will be on Wed., Jan. 18 at 10:00 a.m. The book for discussion is: "In a Sunburned Country" by Bill Bryson. It is travel literature about Australia. Christine Gunter will facilitate the discussion.

YPUC Fellowship Lunch

We meet again! It was so great to reconnect last month. This time we will meet at Mandarin, 16655 Yonge St., Newmarket, just south of Mulock Dr., on the east side at 12:00 noon on Wed, Nov. 30th. Bring a friend! Please let the office know by Monday, Nov. 28 if you plan to attend.

Boxes Needed by the King Township Food Bank

The foodbank uses boxes at distribution time. Any clean, sturdy boxes at least 18 x 18 inches but no larger than 24 by 30 inches - approximately - would be appreciated. So online shoppers please save and bring boxes to the church. They may be brought in on Friday mornings or on Sundays they can be left in the narthex. Thanks so much!

Minute for Mission

“Families want their dads to come back.”



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On November 20, countries around the world celebrate Universal Children’s Day (also called World Children’s Day). The date marks the anniversary of the UN General Assembly adopting both the declaration and the convention on children’s rights. On the same day, Restorative Justice Week kicks off.

It’s a perfect time to raise up the needs of children with incarcerated parents—the all-too-often forgotten, invisible, or ignored victims of the criminal justice system.

No one knows how many children in Canada are affected by the incarceration of a parent. Back in 2007, the guestimate was 357,604.* But advocates think that with the increase in the prison population, the number is much higher.

While every situation is unique, many children with incarcerated parents face trauma, family instability, social isolation, and economic insecurity. On the inside, parents struggle to stay connected to their kids, let go of shame, and deepen parenting skills so they can successfully unite their family when they are released.

That's why Parkland Restorative Justice—a Mission & Service partner based in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan—runs an eight-week parenting course for male inmates called Dad HERO, (an acronym for "Helping Everyone Realize Opportunities"). Developed in partnership with the Canadian Families and Corrections Network (CFCN), the course is designed to educate dads about parenting, how to communicate with their child, and how to work with a co-parent. Afterward, the dads meet regularly in a group that continues to provide support after their release. "A lot of people don't think about men inside prisons as a hero. In fact, when we told the men the name of the program, some of them said, 'That doesn't resonate with me, I don't really feel like a hero to my kids. But I want my children to look up to me, to think that I have value and worth, that I have information to give them, and can be a good parent that is aspiring to be a hero,'" says Louise Leonardi, Executive Director of the CFCN. "We all want the same things for these men. We want them to come out of prison, to reoffend less, to be with their families, to start a pro-social and productive life, and to move into society in a well-balanced way. Families want their dads to come back."**

No one is disposable, and no child should feel forgotten. Thank you for helping to build stronger families and for believing everyone can be a hero.

*[Canadian Coalition for Children with Incarcerated Parents homepage](#)(opens in a new tab).

**[Correctional Service Canada, "The Canadian Families and Corrections Network \(CFCN\) Partners to Help Incarcerated Dads](#)(opens in a new tab)," June 19, 2020.