

York Pines United Church

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Lent 4

(* Please rise as you are able)**

(Words in **Bold** said by all)

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: *"Jesu dulcis memoria"* **C. Callahan**

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.

Passing the peace of the Christ

Peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

God is in our midst.

Come, let us celebrate God's presence.

Christ is in our midst.

We are here to listen for the call to serve others.

The Spirit is in our midst.

We are aware of a power greater than ourselves to guide and uplift us.

*****Hymn: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" VU 326**

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing

*****Affirmation of Faith: A 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:

"Lord, Be With Us On This Day"

J. Althouse

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

For the Young at Heart

Hymn: *"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"*

VU 703

- 1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

- 2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23 VU 749 (*Responsively*)

The Lord is my shepherd,

there is nothing I shall lack.

You, God make me lie down in green pastures,

you lead me beside peaceful waters,

you revive my spirit,

you guide me in right pathways for you name's sake.

Refrain: **My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I
want.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you
are with me,

your rod and your staff are my comfort.

You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies,

you anoint my head with oil, my cup is overflowing.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life,

and I will dwell in God's house my whole life long. R

John 11: 1-45

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

Response: Psalm 32 VU 759, Refrain (*twice*)

Be glad in God you righteous. Rejoice, O saints, rejoice.

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Sermon:

"Resurrection, Then and Now" The Rev. Bruce J. Roffey

Time for Silent Reflection

Hymn: "*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*"

VU 382

**1 Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.**

**3 Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**4 Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*****Offertory Hymn:**

"In Gratitude and Humble Trust"

VU 544

**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.**

**5 So let us choose the path of One
who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,
and slept in death that we might wake
to life on Resurrection Morn!**

**6 Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing
and shout hosannas! Raise the strain!
For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings
on Easter Day will rise again!**

*****Commissioning / Benediction**

*****Choral Blessing: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"
VU 121 (a verse for Lent)**

**God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death;
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as every breath,
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Postlude: "Angel's Story" setting H. Willan

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Schedule

Date	March 26	April 2	April 7	April 9	April 16
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Joint Service at King City Both Ministers	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey
Church Year	Lent 5	Palm/Passion Sunday (Communion)	Good Friday	Easter Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Colour	Purple	Red	Purple/Black	White	White

We welcome you all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Good Friday Service

York United Ministries will worship together on Good Friday at King City United Church on Friday, April 7th at 10 a.m.

Book Club

The next book club meeting will be on Wed. April 19 at 10 a.m., both in person and on Zoom. The book is *Sacred Earth Sacred Soul* by John Philip Newell- Spirituality and Religious Thought. Facilitator: Muriel Cober

Fellowship Luncheon - March 29 @ 12:00 noon.

We have moved west to Schomberg! The restaurant is "In This Corner", 17250 Hwy. 27, Brownsville Junction mall, west side of Hwy. 27, south of #9 Hwy. The restaurant is located at the end of a short corridor just north of Home Hardware. Come and bring a friend. Next Luncheon is Apr. 26th.

Lenten Study and Prayer

YUM is meeting every Friday for a Lenten study group. The first part of each meeting will use the book from the United Church, *Good Courage*. The last ten or fifteen minutes would be led by Rev. Andrew using the *Lectio Divina* methodology, a guided reflection/meditation. The next session will be at King City United Church.

In-Person and virtual Pastoral Counselling/ mobile communion/ mobile baptism service

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

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Minute for Mission

"The care of people who are strangers to one another—the importance and impact of that can't be overstated."



You may think Mission & Service just happens far away from your church. But the effects of Mission & Service may be as close as your local pulpit. Mission & Service does a surprising amount of development in your local

church, recruiting new ministers and funding theological schools. It even shapes the hymn books you sing from every service.

Another important way Mission & Service supports local ministry: by providing academic bursaries for students studying to become ministers and theological leaders.

“The church has a lot to offer in terms of witness to the community and supporting people who are struggling,” explains the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Janzen-Ball, the United Church’s Executive Minister for Theological Leadership.

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Janzen-Ball knows there’s more to a bursary than just the financial gift. “The money is really helpful,” she says, “but the other thing that is so important to students is realizing that people throughout the church cared enough to donate to Mission & Service.”

The Rev. Alexa Gilmour received one of these bursaries when she was still a ministry candidate. “I was a single parent, and I knew I couldn’t get through without support,” Gilmour says. “I felt blessed by God through people who donated and who, by giving, encouraged me on my journey.

“I have tremendous gratitude for that important role the church played in my life at that time.”

Janzen-Ball wants you to know that your gifts do matter.

“They matter both tangibly in peoples’ lives in a real way but also in intangible ways because they signal the support of the wider community,” she says. “The care of people who are strangers to one another—the importance and impact of that can’t be overstated.

“Giving to Mission & Service is an opportunity to support future and current leaders. Those gifts make a significant difference.”

A more detailed video, [A Deeper Look: Educating the Ministers of Tomorrow](#), is available on YouTube.