

# York Pines United Church

Sunday, October 29, 2023

All Saints Sunday

\*Please stand as you are able

## We Gather as God's People

**Prelude:** "Arioso"

**J.S. Bach**

### **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 Christ**

Peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

### **Minute for Mission**

### **Announcements**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

We live in a time of turmoil. It is hard to find peace in the world or in our hearts. In this anxious time, we turn to the light of Christ to ground us, to guide us, to comfort us. May this light be our peace, always.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Music for the Candle: "Where Two or Three Are Gathered" MV 14 Choir**

### **Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Hymn: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" VU 36**

**1 Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

*Refrain:* **come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**2 Shepherds in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant Light: R**

**3 Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star: R**

**4 Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear: R**

### Opening Prayer

**Response: "God Says" MV 172 v.1**  
**God says, "Be still so you may hear the words I  
whis-per in your ear. If you will lis-ten, you will  
know I'm with you al-ways where you go."**

### Words of Assurance

Beloved ones, believe again the gospel, that in Christ we are accepted as we are. Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a nursing mother cherishing her child. Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ, called to love one another as gentle children of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Response: "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV 161 v.1**  
**I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gift-ed you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not a -ban-don you; all my prom-is-es are  
true. You are gift-ed, called, and chos-en; you are mine.**

**\*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: "As the Deer" M. Nystrom**

### **We Listen for the Word of God**

**For the Young at Heart: "Where Are You Now?"**

**Hymn: "Three Things I Promise"**  
**Three things I promise, Holy God,  
in age and youth, in life and death:  
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
and listen for the Spirit's breath.**

**MV 176 v.1**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Lord Jesus, your understanding of Scripture astonished and humbled all around you. Send your Spirit to illumine this Word that our understanding and wisdom may be increased. **Amen.**

**Scripture Readings –Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup> all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, <sup>3</sup> the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup> The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." <sup>5</sup> Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. <sup>6</sup> He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup> Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. <sup>8</sup> The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

<sup>9</sup> Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>10</sup> Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. <sup>11</sup> He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, <sup>12</sup> and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

This is the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Response: Ps.119**

**VU 840 R#5**

**"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path."**

**Reflection: "Assumption of Moses"**

**Rev. Padre Andrew K. Lee**

**Music for Silent Reflection**

## We Respond to God's Word

Life and Works of All Saints

Prayer

Time of Silence

The Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

**\*Offertory: "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.

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you. May your favor be upon them and prosper the labor of our hands, that your glorious power may be manifest to all, through Christ, our Lord. 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## We Go Forth to Love as Christians in the World

**\*Closing Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" VU 651**

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.



### **A message from UCC for Peace in the Holy Land**

The United Church of Canada “pray for a just peace in the Holy Land and urge global leaders to work urgently for an end to the current violence, an end to the ongoing occupation of Palestinian territories, and a just and lasting peace for Palestinians and Israelis.”

### **Book Club**

The Book Club meeting will be on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 10:00 am. We will be discussing “The Last Book Shop in London” by Madeline Martin. Facilitators: John and Barb Wilson. Please see the bulletin board for the list of upcoming books

### **All Saints Day**

November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day, and we will be celebrating it at the worship service on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a picture with a frame of your loved ones who passed away. The pictures will be displayed on the altar during the service.

### **New Hope Fundraiser**

Please join New Hope UC (along with your family and friends) on Saturday, November 18th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm for a fun afternoon of games and snacks. This is an event for all ages and there will be card/board games for all to enjoy. A goodwill offering would be greatly received. Hope to see you on the 18th!

### **Ukulele Class Again**

YUM is going to offer free ukulele classes in November. The group will sing and play Christmas carols, targeting a presentation on the Christmas Eve worship service. It’s open to public lessons with both an in-person and virtual format. All are welcome. The lesson will be in the daytime on one of the weekdays, and we have a free rental program. For more details, please get in touch with Rev. Andrew Lee.

### **Worship Schedule**

Date	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
Preacher	Doug Reid	Rev. Andrew Lee	Doug Reid	Rev. Andrew Lee
Church Year		Remembrance Sunday		
Liturgical Colour	Twenty-third after Pentecost	Twenty-Fourth After Pentecost	Twenty-Fifth After Pentecost	Reign of Christ Sunday
YUM/UCC Calendar	Green	Green	Green	Green

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## **Minute for Mission**

*Empowering Women of the Past, Present, and Future*

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In India, various social and cultural factors have resulted in limited access to theological education for women in comparison to men. The Rev. B. Silpa Rani is actively encouraging women to pursue theological education and engage in leadership roles.

When Silpa started her first degree in Theology, she spent two years as the only woman in a class of 16. Now, years later, as she works on her doctoral dissertation, she has seen a gradual increase in the enrolment of women in theological programs. While this is encouraging, Silpa recognizes that there is still a long journey forward. While she seeks to empower modern women, she is also working to shed light on the experiences of women and minorities of the past.

Silpa is the recipient of a theological education scholarship, which has paved her way forward to eventually join the faculty at Bishop's College, Kolkata. Currently, she is exploring the unique identity of the Qumran community within the context of the Dead Sea Scrolls. She is actively researching to identify the women, children, and minority groups of the society, drawing parallels between the Qumran context and contemporary Indian context.

Your Mission and Service gifts provide support to leaders like Silpa, who are actively working to empower women and change the world.