

**YORK UNITED MINISTRIES  
SUNDAY MAY 2, 2021  
AT NEW HOPE UNITED CHURCH  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Prelude:**

**Words of Welcome** (Rev. Andrew)

**Life and work of our Church**

**Lighting the Christ Candle** (Rev. Andrew)

**Call to Worship: Psalm 118:24** (Rev. Bill Fritz)

This is the day the Lord has made and we will rejoice and be glad in it!

**\*Opening Hymn: "*Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet*"  
(#245 VU)**

**Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.**

**Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.**

**Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or  
snow or in the morning light.**

**Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.**

**Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.**

**Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment,  
nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!**

### **Opening Prayer**

Gracious God we thank you for this season of spring. The trees wave their budding branches to us. The sweet smelling grass sends its aroma heavenward. The early morning cardinal sings her concert of praise. The dancing waters of a nearby pond shimmer under the radiant sky. Clouds cruise by in lazy postures. Tulips announce their colourful greeting. And cleansing rain washes away the dust on the streets.

This morning we too lift up our hearts and souls in adoration and praise to our God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Response: Psalm 22 Refrain (VU #746)**

**In the presence of you people I will praise your name.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Always dear people of God, become complete in your living. Be of one mind. Live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you always. Amen. (2 Cor. 13:11)

### **\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church<sup>1</sup>,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Ministry of Music (YAYA Praise Band):**

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

O God, apart from your Spirit no one can hear your word. Apart from your Spirit no one can speak your word. And aside from your Spirit no one can live your word. So we pray that your Holy Spirit may dwell in our hearts daily that we may be your living word to others. Amen

**Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 150**

Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!  
Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!  
Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!  
Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!  
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!

**Philippians 4:4-8**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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<sup>1</sup> "catholic church" means the Christian churches of all times and of all places.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Time for Child in All of Us: Video Clip - Redemptorist Rapture!**

**Reflection: "You Gotta Keep on Dancin!"** (Rev. Bill Fritz)

**Video Watching**

**Music for Silent Reflection**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**The Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves**

**Invitation:** Jesus said: Let your light so shine before people that they may see your good works and give glory to God who is in heaven.

**\*Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**  
**(#541 VU)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creature high and low;**

**Give thanks to God in love made known;**

**Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Thanksgiving**

Gracious God, this morning we awakened with eyes of wonder. The night-time stars faded before the morning sun. The flowing radiance of the day warming this good earth. Your signature O God is writ large on every page of your creation. We cannot see you. Yet we embrace your presence in all that you have made. We cannot hear you. Yet your voice echoes deep within all you have made. We cannot touch you. Yet there is nowhere we may set or reach but you are there. You are far off and beyond our understanding. Yet you have come near to us in Jesus the Christ to make your love so evident around us. We praise you and worship you O Lord, our God.

## **Intercession**

This morning we pray for the sick. Those whose bodies have become the battlefields for the invading enemy virus. We pray for those who watch and work for the healing of the stricken. O Great Physician anoint the hands of those who would bring healing. We pray for those who face the threat of guns and bombs. Nations, tribes and peoples violated by conflict and man's insane inhumanity to man. Especially we pray for the children whose tender spirits know nothing of peace and goodwill- but only the terror of night and the sorrow of noonday. We pray for those in peril of their souls. For what does it profit for anyone to gain the whole world but to lose one's soul. We pray for honesty and integrity in the hearts of all. Whatsoever things are true, noble, just and pure and of good report. May we turn to these and do them. And we pray for all churches and faith centres that we may all keep the Light of the World shining upon hearts of darkness.

## **Petition**

We would open our hearts to you O God.

To love you more dearly.

To see you more clearly

And to serve you more nearly.

Make our lives like a window of your light to shine your love through us to others. Make our hearts like a mirror to reflect your love to all we meet this day, this week and always....For we pray in the name of the One who is the light and love of all Jesus the Lord who taught us to pray...

## **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: "I Danced in the Morning"**

**(#352 VU – vs. 1, 4 & 5 – refrain only after verse 5 VU)**

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on.**

**They cut me down and I leap up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**Blessing and Sending Forth**

**Postlude**



### **York United Ministries Announcements**

**Today we warmly welcome back Dr. Rev. Bill Fritz to the pulpit.**

#### **Worship Service**

All services will be recorded in advance and posted to YouTube on Sunday morning. Today's service was pre-recorded at New Hope United Church. There will be no on-site services on Sundays until further notice. The video clip can be found at:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL772mvVOna2VqaLImkQsNw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL772mvVOna2VqaLImkQsNw?view_as=subscriber). You may subscribe to the channel and turn on notifications in order to be informed automatically, or check out the church webpages or

Facebook pages. You may click "LIKE" button or leave your comments on the online services to encourage each other.

### **YAYA - YTB Q-Box Series**

Q-Box Series are being updated. YAYA people, please check the YUM YouTube channel.

### **Zoom Gathering**

Each church will have a Zoom Gathering with regular rotation. It is coffee time with casual conversation for 20-30 minutes. You may freely join and leave on the day for your church. Please contact your church office for further details. The schedule is as follows:

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 11:30 a.m. for New Hope United Church members.

Topic: New Hope's Sunday Gathering

Time: May 2, 2021 11:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/91885406774?pwd=a1dUUXF0WmowZmVDZDBRM2dnZ0JjQT09>

Meeting ID: 918 8540 6774

Passcode: wQkxs0

One tap on your mobile phone:

+16475580588,,91885406774#,,,,\*866214# Canada

Dial in on your phone:

+1 647 558 0588

Meeting ID: 918 8540 6774

Passcode: 866214

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 a.m. for King City United Church members.

### **YAYA<sup>+</sup> Band**

YAYA<sup>+</sup> Band is preparing another praise song. Any suggestions for the song, inquiries, or communication for the praise band, please contact Michelle Hunt (brian.michelle.zb@gmail.com).

### **YUM Ukulele Class**

YUM offers free virtual ukulele classes for adults. The classes began on Monday April 26<sup>th</sup> and will continue on Mondays and Thursdays through to May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Working Group for Seniors Program**

The three people volunteered for the working group: Sandra Kirby (King City), Linda Davies (New Hope), and Deb Carpenter (York Pines). Please let

them know your ideas and thoughts for the community based seniors programs.

### **Offering**

Thank you for sending your offerings to the churches. 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: [kcuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:kcuc@bellnet.ca); [yorkpinesuc@gmail.com](mailto:yorkpinesuc@gmail.com); [newhopeunited@bellnet.ca](mailto:newhopeunited@bellnet.ca).

### **Reading & Writing Isaiah (Daily Devotionals)**

"While physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way." (1Timothy 4:8) Let's write our journal with the Bible verses every day as a form of individual spiritual exercises. Handwriting the verses given and your own short reflection time are encouraged. The Bible passages are provided each week in the bulletin.

- Monday, May 3 – Isaiah 56:1
- Tuesday, May 4 – Isaiah 56:2
- Wednesday, May 5 – Isaiah 56:6a
- Thursday, May 6 – Isaiah 56:6b-7
- Friday, May 7 – Isaiah 57:15
- Saturday, May 8 – Isaiah 57:19

### **YUM Calendar (May)**

May 3,10,17,24	NHSP Working Group meetings (10:30 a.m.)
May 3,6,10,13,17,20	Ukulele Class #3~8 (8 p.m.)
May 4	York Pines UC Council Meeting
May 15	Food Bank at YPUC
May 16	The 55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of YPUC YAYA <sup>+</sup> Band submitting the recording due
May 17	Oversight Team Meeting
May 18	New Hope UC Council Meeting
May 27	King City UC Council Meeting

## Worship Schedule

	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23
Preacher	<b>Rev. Dr. Bill Fritz</b>	<b>Rev. Andrew Lee</b>	<b>Rev. Ross Carson</b> <b>President: Rev. Andrew Lee</b>	<b>Rev. Andrew Lee</b>
Location	New Hope UC	King City UC	York Pines UC	New Hope
Announcements	Thom Stenson	<i>Sheryl Sinka</i>		
Scripture Reading	Dahlia Buchanan	Tanya Nesterenko		
Choir	YAYA+ Praise Band	John Kell		
Music Director	Sunny Rakovac	Rosemary DeSilva	Ted Anderson	Sunny Rakovac
Church	<b>Easter 5</b>	<b>Easter 6</b>	<b>Easter 7</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
UCC/YUM Calendar	<b>Asian Heritage Month 1</b>	<b>Asian Heritage Month 2</b>	<b>Asian Heritage Month 3</b> <b>YPUC 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>	
Liturgical Color	<b>Gold or White</b>	<b>Gold or White</b>	<b>Gold or White</b>	<b>Red</b>

### Minute for Mission by Mission & Service



No children have died falling out of a tree, at least not in the 17 years statistics have been gathered. In fact, the leading cause of death of children is car accidents. While some parents fear letting their children play outside, the same parents think nothing of strapping their children into a car.

Over the last 35 years, attitudes have shifted. Increased screen time, along with fears about playground injuries and child abduction, mean that only a third of Canadian school-aged children get the exercise they need. As a result, childhood obesity, anxiety, and depression have soared.

Getting outside is good for our kids.

That's why the United Church runs camps across the country. Today, your Mission & Service donations support approximately 25 United Church camps in Canada.

Overall, approximately 20,000 children attend a United Church camp each year. In COVID times, many of these camps have pivoted to continue offering services and encourage kids to get outside.

On Environment Sunday, we often focus on what we can do to reduce our personal footprint and to advocate for changes to social policies, particularly ones that impact climate change. Without a doubt, we need to do more to care for the world God made.

But Environment Sunday is also a good time to stop and appreciate how the created world takes care of us. As Bill Darnell, one of the founders of Greenpeace says: "The environment doesn't need us. It can get along without us. We need it."

Let's pause today and give thanks for all the ways the natural world sustains us, and especially our children. Specifically, we give thanks for the confidence, creativity, and imagination nature builds. For the sense of responsibility it creates. For the stimulation it provides. For the mental and physical health it promotes. For the wonder it inspires.

And we give thanks for all of our camps.

And for you.

*Thank you for supporting outdoor ministries through Mission & Service. Your gifts help our children—and all of us—breathe more deeply.*

## **Sources**

ActiveforLife.com, "If in doubt, let them out: kids have a right to play,"[\(opens in a new tab\)](#) (Oct. 21, 2020).

BMC Public Health, "Childhood road traffic injuries in Canada – a provincial comparison of transport injury rates over time"[\(opens in a new tab\)](#) (Dec. 6, 2018).