

**YORK UNITED MINISTRIES
SUNDAY MAY 9, 2021
AT KING CITY UNITED CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: "Sarabande" (G. Handel)

Words of Welcome

Life and work of our Church

Lighting the Christ Candle

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

Call to Worship

Sing to our God a new song. God has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Let the sea roar and all that fills it. Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

***Opening Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (VU 382)**

**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.**

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

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

**Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,**

**but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Opening Prayer

Loving God! Thank you for giving us our mothers. You let us know your love through our mothers in the world. And you let us to know the beauty of the season and our abundant life in it. Now we center our hearts and mind to worship you, Lord. Through the worship service, O God, let us reconfirm our love to others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to our neighbours. O God, we recall that we have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. And yet we confess that we sometimes have failed to express our love to you and to each other with our whole hearts. We haven't attended to what we are called. We were scared, tired, and indifferent. O God help us to revitalize your love in us and ignite the flame of divine love. O God, we ask your power, wisdom, and forgiveness. Lead us toward spiritual wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Response: Psalm 98 (#818 VU - Refrain#2)

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Words of Assurance

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

Thanks be to God.

***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 church¹,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Ministry of Music: "Get All Excited" (William Gaither)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word, that we would hear what you have to say to us today. May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1:15-18

¹⁵ So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

¹⁷ Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.

May the LORD do thus and so to me,
and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!"

¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Mark 12:28-34

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind,

¹ "catholic church" means the Christian churches of all times and of all places.

and with all your strength.’³¹ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”³² Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’;³³ and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Response Song: “Psalm 119” (#840 VU - Refrain #5)

Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.

Time for Child in All of Us

Video Clip - “The Blessing- Mother’s Day”

Reflection: “Loving and Believing” (Rev. Andrew K. Lee)

Music for Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

The Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

Invitation: Let us show our friendship with Christ and our love for our neighbors by giving generously so that we may bear the lasting fruit of Christ’s love.

***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

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. We devote our time, energy, wisdom, and resources to be used for you and your people. Accept the centres of our hearts, and of our faith.

O God, we pray for those of us who are devastated due to the impact of the COVID pandemic. We are weak and vulnerable. Our brothers and sisters are in danger: We witness that the poorer countries are more at risk. We pray for India; we pray for Brazil. Help your children and let them go through the predicament and overcome the disease. We pray for the front line workers in our society and our world. O God, we need your power and wisdom to work, survive, and live together. Comfort those of us who suffer from physical and mental disease. Heal the broken places and visit your people and embrace those of us with your healing power. Some of us are friendless and lonely, some of us are helpless and powerless, and all of us are getting tired of the lockdown. O God, be a friend and renew our joy.

We pray for ourselves, your church, King City, New Hope, and York Pines. We have generations of babies, toddlers, youth, young adults and young at heart. O God, remember each and every one of us: For babies in our community, pour your love and comfort. For toddlers, let them grow in love and protection. For youth, open their hearts to know you more. For young adults, let them find the true reason to achieve. For young at heart, let them celebrate their past and present and rejoice for the abundant life to share. We pray for our mothers in our community and in the world. We know that you have shown your love through our mothers. We assure their sacrifice and devotion will last within us. Let us always recall our mothers' love and compassion. Bless all mothers in the world and in our family. Let us always appreciate and honour our mothers' legacy. Thank you for all the opportunities to pray to you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray by saying,

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: "Jesus Loves Me" (#365 VU)**

**Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.**

Refrain (R)

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.' R**

**Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live. R**

Blessing and Sending Forth

Live in the joy of Christ's love and in all the marvelous things that God is doing! May the righteous fairness of God, the loving friendship of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit go with you all.

Postlude: "Prelude" (H. Purcell)



York United Ministries Announcements

Worship Service

All services will be recorded in advance and posted to YouTube on Sunday morning. Today's service was pre-recorded at King City 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/UCL772mvVOna2VqaLlmkQsNw?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.

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 9th at 11:30 a.m. for King City United Church members.

May 16th at 11:30 a.m. for York Pines United Church members.

YAYA⁺ Band

YAYA⁺ 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 26th and will continue on Mondays and Thursdays through to May 20th.

YAYA - YTB Q-Box Series

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

New Hope United Church Fundraiser – Frozen Meal Program. Home cooked meals prepared by New Hope volunteers and delivered to your door frozen. Just reheat and serve. If you are interested in learning more (menu, price, delivery dates, etc.), email the church office at newhopeunited@bellnet.ca.

York Pines UC wish Pat Johnston a well-earned retirement! Pat has represented York Pines as Office Administrator for the past 25 years with skill, dedication and love. We are grateful and wish you the best in retirement. Thank you, Pat, from your York Pines church family.

York Pines United Church is pleased to announce that Kristen Doyle is our new Office Administrator. Kristen is well known to many within York United Ministries as the Administrator at King City United, as well as, All Saints Anglican King City. Kristen will be in the office at York Pines on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings and can also be reached by email at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com. We are delighted to have someone with her extensive church experience. Welcome to the York Pines Team, Kristen.

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; yorkpinesuc@gmail.com; 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 10 – Isaiah 58:6
- Tuesday, May 11 – Isaiah 58:7-8
- Wednesday, May 12 – Isaiah 58:9-10
- Thursday, May 13 – Isaiah 58:11
- Friday, May 14 – Isaiah 58:13-14
- Saturday, May 15 – Isaiah 59:1-2

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 th Anniversary of YPUC YAYA ⁺ 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 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Ross Carson Presider: Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rick McKinley
Location	King City UC	York Pines UC	New Hope	King City UC
Announcements	Maria Ongaro	Christine Gunter		
Scripture Reading	Tanya Nesterenko	Eileen Shaw		
Choir	John Kell	Brenda Walker Christine Gunter Deb Carpenter	YAYA+ Praise Band	
Music Director	Rosemary DeSilva	Ted Anderson	Sunny Rakovac	Rosemary DeSilva
Church	Easter 6	Easter 7	Pentecost Sunday	Trinity Sunday
UCC/YUM Calendar	Asian Heritage Month 2 Christian Family Sunday	Asian Heritage Month 3 YPUC 55th Anniversary	Asian Heritage Month 4	Asian Heritage Month 5 Environment Sunday
Liturgical Color	Gold or White	Gold or White	Red	Red

Minute for Mission by Mission & Service

Whenever you deprive a community of its language, you automatically deprive it of its culture.”



On Pentecost, diverse languages proclaimed the presence of God’s Spirit. So it’s the perfect day to celebrate the glorious variety of languages and cultures God blesses the world through, including Deaf culture.

Few churches welcome and include people who are Deaf. That’s why your gifts through [Mission & Service](#) support the Quinte Deaf Fellowship in Belleville, Ontario. Since its inception in 2007, the fellowship has provided a point of cultural and spiritual connection for people who are Deaf and a place to celebrate Deaf culture. *Credit: Image by Oliver Peters from Pixabay*

When Peter Skarp visits a friend or attends a club, every conversation begins and ends with a hug. That's not unusual in his circles. "It's just something we all do," explains the Canadian Hearing Service staff member. He continues to share insights about Deaf culture, identity, norms, and rules of behaviour. "Deaf people value their eyes because they are their window on the world and their hands because they are extremely important tools," he says.

History has not always recognized Deaf culture or considered sign language important. Did you know that in 1880, 164 deaf educators from eight countries gathered to make the landmark education decision that would ban sign language from classrooms around the world? Then it was decided that oral (lip-reading) education was better than manual (sign) education.

"Whenever you deprive a community of its language, you automatically deprive it of its culture," says Phil Wilson, a United Church minister whose father wasn't allowed to use sign language in residential school. Wilson, whose parents were Deaf, considers American Sign Language his mother tongue. "I consider myself bicultural," he says.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been especially hard on Deaf communities. Isolation rules make it challenging to access health care, support programs, and basic information. Online learning is also an issue.

"While some provinces provide online learning opportunities, unless a qualified teacher who is proficient in sign language is available, these are often not accessible to Deaf children and youth," says the Canadian Association of the Deaf in a statement.

Language matters. Especially now. Your generous support through [Mission & Service](#) means Quinte Deaf Fellowship continues to be a place of belonging, connection, advocacy, and care when it is needed most. Thank you.

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