

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, 40 Joseph St., Chalk River, ON
Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:30 am May 17, 2020

Welcome & Greeting

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

God of grace and truth, we come to your house today to worship you. We bring all of ourselves to you, all of the good, the bad, the ugly and our fears. We entrust our hidden, fearful, and fragile selves to your transforming power and gentle, loving care. Blessings glory, and honour are yours alone. Thank you for the many ways your Spirit breaks into our lives and into this troubled world and its turbulent times. We offer this prayer as we come together to worship as Sisters and Brothers of St. Andrews in the name of the One whose name is above every name, Jesus Christ. Amen. Adapted from the United Church of Christ (UCC)- our partner denomination in the United States

Hymn "Draw the circle wide"
<http://exclusionandembrace.blogspot.com/2018/06/draw-circle-wide.html>

Prayer of Hope

God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people. For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone,
Forgive us, we pray.

For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way when your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected,
Grant us mercy, O God.

For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused,
Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.

For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom, for each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us,
Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.

For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering around us,
Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace and abundance of hope; Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen. Adapted from the UCC

Words of Assurance

Epistle 1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

Message Hope and Good News
Life and Work of the Congregation
Offering of time, talents and money

Candle lighting- in remembrance and recognition

Pastoral Prayer & 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. And 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Hymn "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" VU #651
<https://my.hymnary.org/song/dynamic/124/guide-me-o-thou-great-jehovah?toolkit=text>

Commissioning