

Welcome to the worship service of  
St. Andrew's United Church, 40 Joseph St., Chalk River, ON  
Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension of Jesus  
10:30 am May 24, 2020

Welcome & Greeting

Candle lighting- remembrance and recognition

### Call to Worship

**We shout for joy to God who rides upon the clouds!  
We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God, before whom the  
earth quakes, and whose abundant blessings provide for all in  
need!**

**God is Sovereign over the earth, Defender of the defenceless,  
and Parent to orphans; God creates families for those who are  
alone. God leads captives to freedom and breaks the yoke of  
oppression.**

**God goes forth before the people, marching through the  
wilderness of their lives, bringing forth restoration and justice.  
Sing praise to God, Rider of the ancient skies, who dwells in  
holiness.**

**Proclaim the power of God! O God, how awesome you are in  
your sanctuary! You give power and strength to your people.  
Let us worship God! Amen.** Adapted from the United Church of Christ  
(UCC) - our partner denomination in the United States. Written by Rev.  
Renee C. Jackson

### Opening Prayer

**God Most High, we gather to honour and glorify you.  
Receive our invitation to dwell with us. Enfold us in your  
presence and fill us again with holy awe and mystery.  
We are yours and we claim you as our God. Amen.**

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### Prayer of Hope

**Blessed One, you created human beings for your glory and  
pleasure. Forgive us for being self-absorbed and choosing to  
live solely for ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring the prompting  
of your Spirit, your purpose for our lives, and for placing our  
will above yours. Grant us courage to share in Christ's  
sufferings, to be his witnesses, and to carry your loving  
compassion and message of hope to a hurting world.** Adapted  
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Hymn	"Blessed Assurance" VU #337 <a href="https://my.hymnary.org/song/dynamic/26/blessed-assurance?toolkit=text">https://my.hymnary.org/song/dynamic/26/blessed-assurance?toolkit=text</a>
Scripture	Acts 1:6–14 The ascension of Jesus
Gospel Reading	John 17:1–11 Jesus prays that his disciples "all may be one."

Message	Spiritually homeless and hopeless?
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Life and Work of the Congregation  
Offering of time, talents and money

### 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	"What a friend we have in Jesus" VU #664 <a href="https://my.hymnary.org/song/dynamic/33/what-a-friend-we-have-in-jesus?toolkit=text">https://my.hymnary.org/song/dynamic/33/what-a-friend-we-have-in-jesus?toolkit=text</a>
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### Commissioning