

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, 40 Joseph St., Chalk River, ON
6th Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am July 12, 2020

Welcome & Greeting

Draw the Circle Wide Played 2X

Candle lighting- remembrance and recognition

Call to Worship

The Great Mystery welcomes us all here today. We assemble in love, peace, and forgiveness. Let us rejoice knowing that we gather together to worship the Great Mystery as Sisters and Brothers in Christ. We draw upon, and from within, our wide circle of faith as we worship in peace with much joy! Amen
(Doug Tennant)

Opening Prayer

O God, we come before you this morning full of anticipation, full of hope and full of wonder of you as the Great Mystery. Settle in with each of us as we hear music, share prayers and worship together as a blessed community of saints. We thank you for being the sower of peace, forgiveness and love. Amen
(Doug Tennant)

Hymn "Morning has broken" VU #409 (2X)

Prayer of Hope

Gracious God, we acknowledge your gifts to us: our lives, this world, and your word to us. When we receive your word, may we nurture it so that it grows roots within us. May we not be distracted by the lure of wealth or the cares of the world. Let us be good soil, receiving your word, understanding it, full of hope and acting upon it. Amen (Adapted from the United Church of Christ - USA)

Assurance of Pardon

We claim what the apostle Paul teaches: the Spirit of God dwells in us. We are forgiven and free. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We are forgiven and offered many gifts full of hope. (Adapted from the United Church of Christ - USA)

Hymn "I am the light of the world" VU #87 Played 2X

Scripture Romans 8:1–11

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Message

Hymn "Be thou my vision" VU #642 Played 3 X

Life and Work of the Congregation

Offering of time, talents and money VU #543 Played 1X

Ministry of Music from Kurt Zhou

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 "We are Pilgrims" VU #595 Played 2X

Threefold Amen

Commissioning and Blessing

Go Now in Peace VU #964 Played 2X

The 43rd General Council on June 20 received the proposal Towards an Anti-Racist Denomination. The proposal asks us to demonstrate our commitment, through analysis, and a series of initiatives to get rid of bias and racism.

Any action needs to have integrity and time for deep reflection. That was not possible in the two-hour window time of the meeting. The matter was referred to the General Council Executive. It will report on this work to the 43rd General Council when it meets in October.

This proposal came to the General Council meeting held just days after the Executive's Statement that Black Lives Matter was released. The proposal states:

Public statements are not enough. Words are not enough. This is a moment for The United Church of Canada to wrestle with its white privilege, its role in systematizing anti-Black racism within its own policies, procedures, and practices, and its role within the wider Canadian context. There is a need to make becoming an anti-racist denomination and dealing with anti-Black racism within our denomination a missional priority at all levels of the denomination.

This proposal is now added to the work of the Executive's Working Group on Anti-racism. The working group is also looking at revisions to the United Church's harassment policy to strengthen its application to racialized people, and has requested that additional opportunities be provided for racial justice training in the church.

The Working Group on Anti-racism will work alongside the White Privilege Working Group to review the elements of the proposal, to set priorities and actions to address racism within the United Church and our society.



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Welcome!