

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, 40 Joseph St., Chalk River, ON
17th Sunday after Pentecost, Creation Time 3
10:30 am September 27, 2020

Welcome & Greeting
Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

Draw the Circle Wide
Christ Candle lighting

Call to Worship

In the beginning, when it was very dark, God said, "Let there be light!" And the light was! God said, "This is great!" In the burning bush, in the column of fire, in the bright of the day, in the sparkle of night— the fires of creation have pointed us in the direction of God. With the light in our eyes, with the warmth on our faces, with the love in our hearts— let us worship God! (Gathering -United Church of Canada)

Opening Prayer

Turn us into fertile soil, God of all creation. Plant in us seeds of faith, of hope and of wonder, that will grow into rich harvest. Help us to know that we and the land are inseparable—we are one. One in you. Amen (Gathering -United Church of Canada)

Hymn "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" VU #651

Prayer of Hope

God is with us, Christ is present, the Holy Spirit surrounds and unites us all. But we have turned our eyes to the challenges, fears, and busyness of this life. We have lost our focus on God and sometimes we feel like we are sinking in sin. We can begin again. We can begin a new way of being and live in hope. God loves us, Christ offers hope and will lift us from the waves of doubt and the Holy Spirit will rescue us from currents of fear and anxiety. In these moments of quiet reflection we

confess to God all that separates us from God and one another. Amen (Adapted from the United Church of Christ - USA)
Time of silent reflection and confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn "What wondrous love is this" VU #147

Responsive Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16 VU # 792 Parts One and Two
With unsung refrain

Scripture Philippians 2:1–13
Gospel Reading Matthew 21:23–32
Message

Hymn "Crashing Waters of Creation" VU #449
To the tune of #540 Stuttgart

Life and Work of the Congregation
Dedication of Holy Bible from Oswald Gadd
Offering of time, talents and money VU #543
Ministry of Music from Kurt Zhou

Remembrance of others VU #400

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

Threefold Amen

Commissioning and Blessing

Go Now in Peace VU #964

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

Why Acknowledge the Traditional Territory? Acknowledging the territory where we gather and the people who have traditionally called it home for thousands of years is a way to continue to live out the church's Apologies to the First Peoples of North America. The acknowledgement supports our calls to others to pay respect to Indigenous peoples. It is also one way the church can work toward right relations—by repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery that assumed the land was empty when European explorers, traders, and settlers first came.

In order to promote mutual respect, peace, and friendship, the 40th General Council 2009 encouraged the recognition of Traditional Territory of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples at the gatherings of the courts and pastoral charges of The United Church of Canada.

Treaties are nation-to-nation agreements outlining promises between both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people that set out responsibilities, agreements, and benefits for both. There are 70 recognized treaties in Canada. However, some First Nations never negotiated treaty so the land remains unceded.

Aboriginal, First Peoples, and Indigenous are all-encompassing terms that include Inuit, First Nations (Indians), and Métis. Inuit are the Indigenous people of the north (from the Arctic land and waters from the Mackenzie Delta in the west to the Labrador coast in the east, and from the Hudson's Bay coast to the islands of the High Arctic). First Nations is a term used to describe Aboriginal peoples of Canada who are neither Métis nor Inuit. This term is generally used to replace the term "Indian." "First Nation" can refer to a band, a reserve-based community, or a larger tribal grouping. Métis are recognized Aboriginal people who have both First Nation and European ancestry. Reprinted from Gathering Pentecost 1 2015 (Year B) pp. 86-87



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