

Communion Service
St. Andrews United Church, Chalk River.
Oct. 4, 2020

Welcome and Greeting

Hymn: “She Comes Sailing on the Wind” **VU 380**

Lighting the Christ Candle:

**As our worship begins today and we light our Christ candle,
Let us remember that Jesus came to bring his divine peace and
light to all people in this chaotic world. Amen**

(Susan Humphrey – UC Gathering)

Calling upon the Holy Spirit to join us at this table

**Bless us once more, Loving Spirit, that as we
gather around Christ’s table, we may know
your presence inside and out. Bless the liquid
and what we eat as symbols of our church,
that we may partake as family, strengthening
our relationships by our actions. May we be
blessed with your covenant of self-giving, that we
may dare to follow and to serve you, entering
fully into your covenant. Amen.**

(Gathering UC)

Hymn: “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”
VU 459 (Verses 1,2,3)

Scripture: Hebrews 13: 7-8

Sermon: “Communion for All Times”

Invitation *Please, provide you own "bread" and "cup" to partake
as you watch communion on "live service."*

The Sharing and Celebration of the Elements.

Prayer After Communion

**Through communion with you,
O Christ, we are made new.
Through what we have said and done at this table,
We have remembered your self-giving love**

**Through your Spirit,
We have been empowered in your name
to go into our communities to share your story.
Thank you, O God, for the gift of such
abundance. Amen** (Gord Dunbar – UC Gathering)

Hymn: “Here, O Lord, I See You Face to Face” **VU 459**
(Verses 4 & 5)

Life and Work of the Congregation

Ministry of Music – Kurt Zhoc

Offertory Pray: **O Lord, receive the fullness of our offering.
Increase the joy of our serving. Welcome our expressions of
the good news. Set free the love of doing your word. In the
name of our Sustainer, we pray. Amen**

(Laura Turnbull – UC Gathering)

Pastoral Prayer - Lord’s Prayer

VU 960

Candles lighting for prayers and remembrance . **VU 543 2x**

Autumn Prayer

**We give thanks for the brilliant fall colours,
transforming our landscapes and emphasizing the beauty
and wonder of our world.
As leaves fall and cover the earth, we remember that your
love covers us, keeping us close to you and shielding us from
the chill of this world’s hurts and rejection.
We give thanks for the abundance of harvest time, your
blessings from creation. Encourage and strengthen us to
become more tender stewards of this world, respecting the
the glory and wonder of your work. Inspire and prompt us to
become more diligent stewards of the gifts with which you have
blessed us; may we allow ourselves to flourish in service and
praise of your generosity.
For everything there is a season, but throughout it all,
your love, O God, endures forever, Thanks be to God. Amen.**

(Gill Le Fevre UC Gathering)

Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision”

VU 642

Threefold Amen

Commissioning

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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