

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **7th Sunday after Easter/Ascension**
May 16, 2021

Kindly enter this time centering on God, prepared to meet God.
Light a candle in your home, welcoming, the Light of Christ into
your home, your family, your life!

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME

Psalm 47:1,2 Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

GATHERING HYMN: "One More Step" VU 639

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: Words of Wisdom from Psalm 1:1-3

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP:

We are together today because Christ has claimed us as his body in the world. Expect great things and wait for the Spirit promised will come to you. You will be empowered as faithful witnesses.

We are here to learn all that Jesus did, listening to what Jesus taught. We are here seeking to experience God ruling in our lives. Being drawn together for a larger purpose we feel the call of Christ for a mission. Chosen as apostles of the good news we are here to be equipped for that mission, for ministry, whatever shape it takes. We are not just here for ourselves, together we can make a difference.

CENTERING PRAYER: Appear to us again, risen Savior, for we have lost sight of you. We have come to find you so we may recognize you among all we meet and creation itself. We seek wisdom and revelation to cope with the confusion, the frustrations we face every day. Remembering that Jesus spoke with authority we seek to be Christ's body. Through this time together, enlighten our hearts so we may embrace hope and know your joy. Watch

over us, Creating Holy One, as we take time to pray and to meditate on the continuing impact of Easter and now the Ascension. Amen

Food for Thought: Can joy be found in patience? Do the two even go together?

HEARING GOD'S WORD

1st GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:44-53

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

2nd GOSPEL READING: John 17:13-19

MESSAGE: "Rising Above"

HYMN: "Filled With the Spirit's Power" VU 194

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY LIFE:

OFFERING/PRAYER: God of our lives, this we know, Jesus is the head of our church and the inspiration of our lives. Our ministries are empowered with the fullness of Christ when we are inclusive in our outreach. Help us to find joy in our praying and serving. We dedicate our time, our talents, and our lives to your purpose. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Hymn: "Make a Joyful Noise" VU 820

BLESSING

"YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY" VU 884

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