

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **Pentecost Sunday**
May 23, 2021

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

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME

Romans 8:10 "If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life."

GATHERING HYMN: "Spirit of the Living God" VU 376

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP (based on Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Today is considered the birthday of the church. Come, celebrate this day and be open to the Spirit of God.

We come to celebrate Pentecost. We have been called by the Spirit of the Lord out of our valleys of dry bones into God's new life. God has given us flesh and bones, spirit and life. We gather in this Spirit of Life to worship God.

CENTERING PRAYER: Ever loving God, the earth is full of the amazing variety of life you have created, in forms too numerous to count. You have linked us, your people, to the earth and all living things. We are interdependent. We can survive only if we have reverence for life. Come among us now to make your ways known. Help us to dream dreams and see visions of your intentions for this world and for your church. Help us to feel the Spirit moving through us. Amen.

Thought for Today: What is the Spirit saying to the church today?

HEARING GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL READING: John 15:26,27; 16:4b-15

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-21

MESSAGE: Pentecost, new and unexpected yet ancient.

HYMN: "On Pentecost They Gathered" VU 195 (v. 1,3,4)

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY LIFE:

OFFERING PRAYER: Holy, Creating God, as your Spirit moves through us, may we be moved to actions of justice, peace and generosity to all creation. May Jesus' life be our guide as we seek to be renewed this Pentecost day, lifting us and linking us to each other. As the earth is renewed each spring, blossoming with the gifts of God's grace, so to, may we offer our time and talents to the blossoming of the Word of God's love to all. May your glory be proclaimed in all we give and all we do when we are together and when we are scattered. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of your Spirit ...

Hymn: "This is God's Wondrous World" VU 296

BLESSING

You have heard the ancient story now feel the newness of the Spirit moving through you, through this community gathered, to heal our broken world.

Now go, to be God's people in the world. With God's love, Christ's compassion, and the Spirit's purpose you will find direction and fulfillment.

Go celebrate in the Spirit. You do not go alone.

THE EARTH AND ALL WHO BREATHE VU 295 (v. 1&3)