

Welcome to the worship service of  
**St. Andrew's United Church**, Chalk River, Ontario  
on this **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
June 13, 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**

From the words of the apostle Paul *"To the church of God that is in Corinth (Chalk River), to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord[a] and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."*

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

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:** May the light of Christ, symbolized by this candle, illuminate your path, today and every day. May the light guide your decision making and at the end of the day, may you be at peace.

#### **WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP:**

Come, give thanks to God, make music to our Creator. God knows our troubles and remembers our need. Our petitions are answered, and our desires fulfilled.

**We come declaring God's steadfast love and faithfulness, seeking God's help in community. We know God will help us. We listen for the voice of God speaking to us again. God is great, our rock and defender, responding when we call. We will bear fruit for God as long as life endures.**

**CENTERING PRAYER:** We turn to you, Creator God, knowing we can depend on you when things of this world crumble and fall, when relationships are strained and broken, when we are faced with difficult challenges. We sing your praises even though we

**may not feel like singing. We declare your faithfulness even though we have not been faithful. We give thanks and are reminded of the multitude of blessings we take for granted. Lead us in this time of worship. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Words for thought:** Our words and actions are seeds being planted. Who are you influencing?

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**EPISTLE READING:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 4:26-34

**MESSAGE:** "Paying attention to the seeds we plant"

**HYMN: "I See a New Heaven" VU 713**

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**COMMUNITY LIFE**

**OFFERING/PRAYER:** All that we have is from God, our Creator. We are privileged to share good news by the way we live and what we say. May our ministry be extended by the time, talents, and treasure we invest in community. We no longer live for ourselves but for the realization of God's kingdom on earth. Let all things become new as we give our best. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Hymn: "There's a Voice in the Wilderness" VU 18**

### ***BLESSING***

Share your mustard seed faith with the world.  
God will make it more than you ever imagined possible.  
Go with the love of God evident in your decision making  
and the life of Jesus your guide for living.  
The Spirit has come among us and abides with us.

We do not go alone.

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