

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **5th Sunday after Pentecost**
Camping/Communion

June 27, 2021

Today we are celebrating United Church camps. We invite you to join in this time of singing, story-telling, and reflection to renew our call to silence the chaos in our lives and re-enter the Spirit's call from the wilderness that houses camps across our United Church. We are also sharing in Communion today, joining our hearts, minds and bodies in fellowship and nourishment.

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME

May God be with us.

God is with us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Greetings to all who gather on this 5th Sunday after Pentecost. ...

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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (X3)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel - No! I'm gonna let it shine. (X3)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. (X3)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP: "This is the Day" VU 412

A New Creed VU 918

CENTERING PRAYER: Creator God, today we gather around your campfire, your table, ready to participate in one of the sacramental aspects of our faith where all are welcome. No one

will be turned away as we celebrate the presence of the Holy in all of us. Many of us have felt the Spirit of community around a campfire. Today we come together in hope and faith, in love and compassion, praying that many more children will come to know you through Church Camps. As we gather, we know you are with us as the child in us shouts Hallelujah, Hallelujah and our hearts sing with praise. We give thanks for your great Creating Spirit who has come to us, we are blessed . Amen

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

GOSPEL READING: Mark 5:21-43

MESSAGE: "Wish and Hope"

HYMN: "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace" VU 265

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY LIFE:

OFFERING/PRAYER: Gracious God, you are so good to us.

Today we offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings revealed to us through Christian camping, outdoor ministries and Communion as your faith community. For the gifts of your good creation, which many encounter when camping: for forests and fields, beaches, streams and lakes, sunrises and sunsets, wind and rain, we give you thanks, O God. Our offerings today are our affirming the importance of the ministry of camps and retreat centers, a ministry which is ours in Christ's name. Amen

COMMUNION LITURGY

O Holy Wisdom of God, ... we join to praise you, saying:

Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable God.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is our brother, Jesus, who, before his suffering, earnestly desired to eat with his companions the Passover of liberation and on that night he, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: "This is my body, which is for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way, after supper, he passed the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Remembering the death and celebrating the resurrection, we await with hope the coming again of compassion and justice to the earth. Therefore, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we are proclaiming Christ's death until he comes. In this communion, we restore to memory and hope the broken and unremembered victims of tyranny and sin; and we long for the bread of tomorrow, and the wine of the age to come.

Come then, life-giving Spirit of our God, brood over these earthly things, and make us one body with Christ, that we may labour with creation to be delivered from its bondage to decay, into the glorious liberty of all the children of God.

The voice of God speaks:

"Listen, all you who thirst, come to the waters, and you that have no money, come buy and eat! The gifts of God for the people of God. Together in Spirit we eat and drink for all things are now ready.

(a time of silence as the elements are consumed)

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Hymn: "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

VU 884

BLESSING

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

**Come and join in for
SMOKE FUN!**

Upcoming Services

July 4th - 6th Sunday after Pentecost - "Celebrating Canada"

July 11th - 7th Sunday after Pentecost - "Memories"

July 18th - 8th Sunday after Pentecost - "The Building"

July 25th - 9th Sunday after Pentecost - "Moving Forward"