

Welcome to the worship service of  
**St. Andrew's United Church**, Chalk River, Ontario  
on this **THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**  
October 10, 2021

Kindly enter this time centering on God, prepared to meet God.

### GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

**SCRIPTURAL GREETING** *Psalm 65:9-11a*

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**GATHERING HYMN: VU 389 "God is Here"**

**WELCOME/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:** VU 336 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" (v. 1,3)

**WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP:**

For the bounty of the harvest, for the colors of fall, for the miracle of bird migration and the ingenuity of hibernation, for the glories of the earth all around us,

**in a spirit of humility and thankfulness we give thanks to God, our Creator and come to worship God as one, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

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**CENTERING PRAYER: Holy One, we praise you for simple gifts on an autumn day: for chipmunks and squirrels darting around, for Blue Jays, Gold Finches, Rose Finches, Sparrows, Morning Doves and chickadees at the birdfeeders, the way thanksgiving springs to our lips as praise, lifting our hearts. Before we ask, we are forgiven. Before we notice, we are blessed. Before we pray, we are already held in your loving embrace. This is Thanksgiving and we are gathered as your people to worship and give you thanks, in Jesus' name. Amen**

Based on an Opening Prayer by *Wendy MacLean*, Christ U.C, Lyn, Ont. **Gathering**, Pentecost 2 2021, p. 42. Used with permission.

**SPARK:** Last week we spoke of giving thanks for the food that graces our tables. Today, I want us to think about our relationship with the land we live, work and play on. Do we even think of having a relationship with the land?

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Joel 2:21-27**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:25-33**

**MESSAGE: "Land Acknowledgement"**

**HYMN: VU 520 "We Plough the Fields"**

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**ACKNOWLEDGING OUR BLESSINGS:**

**OFFERING HYMN: VU 544 "In Gratitude and Humble Trust**  
(tune VU 530)

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

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

**Hymn: VU 523 "O God of All the Many Lands"**

### *BLESSING*

**VU 962 "May the Blessing of God Go Before You"**

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### **Upcoming Services**

**Oct 17 – World Food Sunday – Power Over or Power To Serve**

**Oct 24 – 22<sup>nd</sup> after Pentecost – Healings, Cures & God's Grace**

**Oct 31 – 23<sup>rd</sup> after Pentecost – All Saints Day (Nov 1)**

**Nov 7 – Doug Tennant**

**Nov 14 – Doug Tennant**

### **Upcoming Events**

**Oct 13 – Church Council Meeting in the Sanctuary at  
7:00 pm**