

Thanksgiving Sunday Service
St. Andrews United Church, Chalk River.
Oct. 11, 2020

Welcome and greeting

Candle lighting: We light the candle in thanksgiving to God
for the gift of His precious son, Jesus

Opening hymn: VU Come You Thankful People Come

Call to worship: We are thankful for the bounty we have enjoyed.
God chooses to love us and draw us near.
We are grateful for food, shelter, family and friends.
May our thanksgiving overflow in acts of kindness.
Thanks be to God (Taught by Love by Lavon Bayler)

Opening prayer: Dear God, open our eyes to see the wonders You
provide. Open our ears to hear the music of Your Song. Open our
hearts to care deeply about people in need, whatever that need
may be. Awaken our generosity and sense of justice, that we may be
inspired to helpful action. Open our mouths to shout and sing for
joy, sharing God's good news.
Amen (from Taught by Love by Lavon Bayler)

Prayer of Hope: Lord, giver of Hope. We ask forgiveness that we
forget Your love, that we unkind to Your children, and forget to
spend time with You. Despite Your generosity, we have not returned
it for the sake of others. Awaken our thankfulness as we learn to
fully appreciate all You have provided.
Amen (from Taught by Love by Lavon Bayler)

Assurance of Pardon: God offers deliverance when we make
mistakes. When we are open and honest with Him, we realize that
He goes with us through the minefields our calamities. God leads us
out of the wilderness to find hope and extreme joy. Let's accept the
gifts God gives us. (Taught by Love, by Lavon Bayler)

Hymn: VU 520 We Plough the Fields

Scripture 1. Psalm 65 VU p.732



Scripture 2. Luke 17: 11 -19 Bible p. 102

Ministry of Music Kurt Zhou

Message: What a Wonderful World

Hymn: Insert We Gather Together

Life and Work of the Congregation

Offering of time, talents and offering VU 543

Personal prayer time VU 400 2x

Pastoral prayer and Lord's Prayer sung VU 959

Closing Hymn: VU 345 Come Children

Join to Sing Commissioning and blessing
We have been cleansed and healed by God's mercy
In Christ, our broken lives are restored
Be as generous with others as God is generous with You
Share your abundant blessings with all in need
(From Touched by Love, Lavon Bayler Three fold)

Amen Go Now in Peace VU 964 2x

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

Why Acknowledge the Traditional Territory? Acknowledging the territory where we gather and the people who have traditionally called it home for thousands of years is a way to continue to live out the church's Apologies to the First Peoples of North America. The acknowledgement supports our calls to others to pay respect to Indigenous peoples. It is also one way the church can work toward right relations—by repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery that assumed the land was empty when European explorers, traders, and settlers first came.

In order to promote mutual respect, peace, and friendship, the 40th General Council 2009 encouraged the recognition of Traditional Territory of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples at the gatherings of the courts and pastoral charges of The United Church of Canada.

Treaties are nation-to-nation agreements outlining promises between both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people that set out responsibilities, agreements, and benefits for both. There are 70 recognized treaties in Canada. However, some First Nations never negotiated treaty so the land remains unceded.

Aboriginal, First Peoples, and Indigenous are all-encompassing terms that include Inuit, First Nations (Indians), and Métis. Inuit are the Indigenous people of the north (from the Arctic land and waters from the Mackenzie Delta in the west to the Labrador coast in the east, and from the Hudson's Bay coast to the islands of the High Arctic). First Nations is a term used to describe Aboriginal peoples of Canada who are neither Métis nor Inuit. This term is generally used to replace the term "Indian." "First Nation" can refer to a band, a reserve-based community, or a larger tribal grouping. Métis are recognized Aboriginal people who have both First Nation and European ancestry. Reprinted from Gathering Pentecost 1 2015 (Year B) pp. 86-87



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