

**Welcome to**  
**Grace – St. Andrew's United Church**  
**Easter 7- Online** **May 24, 2020**

*(congregation to speak the text that is bolded)*

**We come into God's presence**

**Prelude**

**Greetings and Welcome**

**Centering Words:** *(1 Peter 4:12-14: 5:6-11)*

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Blessed be God, Author of all Creation, glory to God forever and ever through the witness of Jesus Christ. When God fashioned the world, the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy. May we find in our humility and purpose renewed commitment to living Christ's mission now. Amen.

**Call to Worship:** *(based on John 17:1-21)*

One: All worship should glorify God just as God is glorified in Jesus Christ.

**All: Wherever we may be, Christ gathers us together in worship just like the first disciples who first heard Jesus call them by name.**

One: We hear the resonate words of Jesus who prayed on our behalf that we may receive the Word and be sanctified in his truth.

**All: Through the ages, our worship has lived out the mantra; "that they may be one. As God is in Christ, may we be in the Spirit. Amen.**

**Opening Music:**

**Opening Prayer:** *(Prayer Writing Group)*

**Prayer of Blessing – Food Bank Garden:**

Blessed are you, God of planting and harvest, birthing and growth. Through the gifts of creation, you care for all. We pray your blessing on our Community Food Bank garden. Bless us and our families, O God, as this new season of seeding and growth begins. Increase in us an awareness of our interdependence with all creation. Bless the

land, bless our tilling, seeding, and harvest; bless the food that we share with the Food Bank that we might see in that your hand, and praise you. Amen

**Music Reflection:** Responsive Psalm video

**We hear God's Living Word**

**Scripture:** Acts 1:6-14

**Reflection:** Words of Advice from the 1<sup>st</sup> Church

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Reflection Video**

**We go forth with love**

**Ministry and Offertory:**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

Loving God, we praise you for blessing and redeeming our lives through Jesus Christ. Our offering serves as an important sign of our gratitude and our commitment to live lives shaped by holiness, love and reverence. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Closing Hymn:**

**Blessing and Commissioning:**

One: May the grace of God, which surpasses all understanding;

**All: Be our Source of life and Spirit of hope.**

One: In the name of the Trinity of love: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, as we start to get back outside, celebrate life and all that is possible. Amen.

**Postlude**