

Welcome to
Grace – St. Andrew's United Church
5th After Pentecost **July 5, 2020**

(congregation to speak the text that is bolded)

We come into God's presence

Prelude

Greetings and Welcome

Centering Words: *(Based on Psalm 133)*

Lighting the Christ Candle:

In the breath of the Wind, in the life of the Earth, in the depth of the Water, in the burn of the flame- Christ's Spirit lives! Amen

Call to Worship:

One: Maybe you have joined us for this summer Sunday worship from your home office, kitchen table even outside on the deck. We gather online with a simple but important job,

All: To praise God and faithfully witness to Christ's love poured out to us through the Spirit.

One: We are all called to be in worship and also to enjoy the season and God's way of connecting us in these chaotic times.

All: So let's pray for our church, the people who are part of it and for all who want to lay their burdens down or just take a summer break.

One: So that the words of Psalm 46 ring for us today,

All: God is our strong refuge; our helper in times of trouble. Amen.

Opening Music: VU223 Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing

Opening Prayer: *(Prayer Writing Group)*

Prayer of Confession:

One: Merciful God, as a nation, part of the global community, we must learn to deal with not being able to do the things we take for granted.

All: Church services, family gatherings, Canada Day celebrations- all impacted and interrupted.

One: For basic freedoms and privileges, Jesus tells us not to be complacent but to repent and be thankful. Jesus prayed with thankfulness to God, the Father. Let us also be thankful.

All: We pray God's blessing upon us so that we can be more appreciative of the time we spend together and the beauty that is all around us. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace: When we were baptized into the community of Christ's followers, we were given the gift of new life, new energy and new mission. Your healing work continues to move through our being. Amen.

Music Meditation

We hear God's Living Word

Scripture: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Reflection: Why is this in the Bible?

Pastoral Prayer:

Lord's Prayer

We go forth with love

Ministry and Offertory:

Prayer of Dedication:

As disciples of Christ, we are called to serve in whatever way we are able not matter what the restrictions may be. May our lives and our offerings be fruitful so that the harvest may be bountiful and good. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn: VU326 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Blessing and Commissioning:

One: There are no restrictions on Jesus' embrace.

All: We go into the world to live as disciples of Love. We go into the world to let our witness speak for itself.

One: In the name of the Trinity of love: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, go into world, celebrate life and all that is possible. Amen

Postlude