

**Welcome to
Grace – St. Andrew's United Church
4th After Pentecost June 28, 2020**

(congregation to speak the text that is bolded)

We come into God's presence

Prelude

Greetings and Welcome

Centering Words: *(Based on Psalm 14)*

Lighting the Christ Candle: *(Song of Faith)*

But death was not the last word. God raised Jesus from death, turning sorrow into joy, despair into hope. In Jesus' resurrection, God overcomes death. Nothing separates us from the love of God. Amen.

Call to Worship: *(Based on Ephesians 3: 14 – 21)*

One: The Apostle Paul prayed. He prayed for us; for all generations in worship of Christ Jesus. He prayed on his knees to God and said ...

All: "I pray that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

One: May our worship time bring us together and keep us grounded in Christ even when we cannot gather in the church.

All: So that we will "comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth" of the fullness of God.

Amen

Opening Music:

Opening Prayer: *(Prayer Writing Group)*

Prayer of Confession:

One: Summer is here. Canada Day is this week. This is when we look forward to summer fun and times together as family and friends.

All: But this summer will be much different. Fear and isolation have replaced joy and fellowship.

One: How quickly we forget the counsel of scripture; do not be afraid because God will not forsake you in times like these.

All: How quickly we forget God's assurance of grace.

Assurance of God's Grace: Beyond all knowledge, God's forgiveness turns us from self to Spirit, from greed to grace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Music Meditation

We hear God's Living Word

Scripture: Romans 6:12-23

Reflection: Christ Lives in You

Pastoral Prayer: Psalm 107

Lord's Prayer

We go forth with love

Ministry and Offertory:

Prayer of Dedication:

Gracious God, magnificent are your ways; glorious is your providence in our lives. Bless all the offerings made this week that we may demonstrate by it our response to your calling for us to love and serve in your name. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Blessing and Commissioning:

In responding to God's call, Jesus' testimony, and the power of the Holy Spirit, we know that we will keep moving faithfully forward not matter what challenges are in front of us. Amen.

Postlude