

Welcome to the worship service of  
St. Andrew's United Church,  
40 Joseph St., Chalk River, ON  
10:30 am June 28, 2020

Welcome & Greeting

**The Christ Candle**

We are a people of the light. We are called to bring light into all the shadowed places of living.

**We light this candle, remembering that Jesus is the light of the world.** (The Gathering)

**Call to Worship:**

Let us wake up to the presence of God in us and around us.

**Let us attend to the Word of God, for us and for all people communicated through the voices of Creation.**

Let us respond with everything we have and are.

**Come let us worship God, our Creator, with praise and thanksgiving.** (The Gathering)

**Opening Prayer:**

**Gracious God, as the birds of the earth sing to the sun, we praise you with our song. As the laws of the earth show balance and correction, we taste your righteousness and justice. As the mother hen shelters her chicks, we lean into your steadfast love. Today, as we worship you, please fill us with your Spirit and speak your word to our very souls AMEN** (The Gathering)

**Hymn:** "Love Divine, All loves Excelling" VU #333 (2x)

**Prayer of Confession:**

**We confess, O God, that in answer to your call, we often come up with more excuses than we do actions. We confess that we often put off answering your call until a "better time".**

**We confess and unwillingness to place everything in your hands and to live in trust, and faithfulness. Forgive us and call us once again, we ask. AMEN.** (The Gathering)

**The Assurance of Pardon:**

**Friends, we know this about God: God forgives our shortcomings and opens a new path before us. Let us dare to follow, where God leads us, knowing that as we do, we will become whole and holy. Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

(The Gathering)

Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" VU 331 (2X)

Scripture: Gospel reading: Luke 18: 1-8

Sermon: "Staying Power"

Hymn: "O Day of God, Draw Nigh" VU 688 (2X)

Life and Work of the Congregation

Offering of time, talents and gifts VU 543 (1X)

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Hymn: "O Jesus, I have Promised" VU 120 (2X)

Commissioning and Benediction

Hymn: "Go Now in Peace" VU 964 (2X)