

Worship Service
St. Andrews United Church, Chalk River
Sunday Sept. 13 2020

Welcome and Greeting

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Christ Candle is lit. It's a light that flickers,
It's small and seemingly insignificant,
It's made of ordinary material.
It's rather unremarkable,
Yet, still, it speaks to us Christ.
Gord Dunbar – UC Gathering

Call to Worship

On this Sunday after Labour Day it usually is time to settle down to resume business as usual. But, this fall is very different. We have never experience such a time. With some trepidation we see our children off to school hoping and praying that they will be safe as the teachers and staff are doing their best to make it so for one and all. We pray that this returning to school will help us move forward to greater openness and suppression of Covid-19. Were by we can regain a greater sense of our community, county and nation giving us a more visible togetherness to better support each other.

Larry Wiegand – UC

Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” VU 232 - all verses.

Opening Prayer:

We are here in this place together. Let us be moved to understand the journey of others particularly parents of very young children as they see them off to school Let us be mindful of some opportunities that we can act upon to be supportive of teachers, staff and parents who have now become the front line workers. We pray that they will be empowered with awareness, understanding and strength to the task that lies ahead.

Larry Wiegand UC

Prayer of Confession

**You meet us in so many places and in so many ways,
O Gracious God. Whether or not we're ready to take notice
you come alongside us,
Even when we've done things that caused harm- to your
creation, to ourselves, to others, to you,
causing us to drift away from you,
and yet you do not turn away from us
for you never want us to be separated from You.
Thank you for all that you are in our lives,
yesterday, today, forever. Amen.**

adapted from prayer of Richard Bott UC gathering

Words of Assurance

**In opening our souls to God's nurturing grace.
we are freed and reborn.
In opening ourselves to Christ' healing power,
we are freed for self-giving
In opening our hearts to the Spirit's inspiration,
we are freed for mission.
We are, therefore, blessed by your present
making us once again to one with you.
We thank you for always drawing us back to you
so we always know that we are not alone.**

Adapted from prayer of Gord Dunbar – UC Gathering

Hymn: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling -VU 333 - all verses.

Ministry of Music. By Kurt Zhou

Scripture Reading: **John 1: 35-51**

Sermon: “**Come and See**”

Hymn: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom” VU 356 – all verses

Life and Work of the Congregation:

Offertory Hymn: - VU 537 (2x) -- Offertory Prayer:

A time to prayer for others(light a candle so to speak)VU400 2x

Pastoral Prayer and the Lords' Prayer

Hymn:“Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven” VU 240 all verses.

Three fold amen.

Commissioning

Go now in Peace

VU 964 (2x)