

Worship Service
St. Andrews United Church, Chalk River
September 20, 2020

Welcome and greeting

Candle lighting: In the name of Jesus who lights our path Opening

Hymn: VU 633 Bless Now O God the Journey

Call to Worship:

Call on God with praise and thanksgiving.

Tell of God's wonderful works.

Today we open ourselves to God's presence.

Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.

When we eat, we are reminded of God's provision.

When we drink pure water, we give thanks.

Surely God has blessed us with food and drink.

Daily we are strengthened for tasks we face. Praise God.

Opening prayer:

We praise You for gathering us here, in Your house.

When we look up at the cross, we remember what you did for us.

When we hear the scriptures, sing the hymns, and hear the ministry of music, we are inspired to embrace joy, hope and action.

We learn about Your word in the message and feel calmness and peace when we pray.

Help us Lord to take this time and just be in Your presence.

Amen

Prayer of Hope:

Like the Israelites in the wilderness, we have been heard to complain.

God is often blamed for calamities more than praised for the sustaining presence that works for our good.

It is easier for us to be jealous of others than to rejoice in the opportunities God gives them.

Help us to realize and be thankful for our blessing.

Help us to change if we need to, with Your help.

Amen (*Taught by Love by Lavon Baylor*)

Assurance of Pardon:

God has offered us a presence we have not recognized, bread we have ignored, and compassion we have not deserved.

The food from heaven is offered to us daily, freely given to all who are open to receive it.

Let us rejoice in this moment of God's amazing generosity, opening our lives to the gifts of God, that we might share them with others.

Praise God! (*Taught by Love by Lavon Baylor*)

Hymn: VU 288 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Scripture 1. Exodus 16: 1-16 p.72 Good News Bible Scripture 2. Psalm 105 p.1-6, 37-45

Good News Bible Ministry of Music Kurt Zhou

Message: Not the Yellow Brick Road

Hymn. Insert Trust and Obey

Life and Work of the Congregation

Offering of time, talents and financial gifts

Offertory hymn: VU 543

Personal prayer time: VU 400 2x

Pastoral prayer with Lord's Prayer sung VU 959

Closing hymn: VU 574 Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

Commission and Blessing

Three fold Amen

Hymn: VU 964 Go Now in peace