



Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **Baptism of Jesus Sunday**
January 10, 2021
Kindly enter this time centering on God, prepared to meet God.

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: "Arise, Your Light is Come" VU 79 X1

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP: (based on Genesis 1:1-5)

God said, "Let there be light!" **And there was light.**

God said, "Let there be a dome to separate the waters!" **And there was sky.**

God said, "Let there be land and earth and vegetation!" **And there were all manner of trees and fruits.**

Come and worship the God who speaks the words of creation. **We come - to receive those creative words and to be made new!**

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CENTERING PRAYER/ PRAYER OF CONFESSION: In the beginning, Creator God, you fashioned the universe. Each star and planet had its beginning in you. Out of the void you brought light to life and through eons of creativity you have acted. Today, we are here, inheritors of that amazing process in the limitless reaches of time and space. We are here and you are here claiming us. But we have our arrogant attitudes and actions, at times rejecting you. Send you Spirit to breathe new life into us. Save us again by your forgiving love, we pray in Jesus name. Amen

ASSURANCE: A voice from heaven said to Jesus, "You are my own Child, the Beloved, with you I am well-pleased." Jesus passed on that gift to those who dared to follow. We, too, are beloved children of God, loved, forgiven, and being sent on a mission. Halleluiah!

SPARK: When have you experienced the dawning of a new day?

HYMN: "A Light is Gleaming" VU 82 X2 v 2,3

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 19:1-7

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:4-11

MESSAGE: "Baptism, God's soothing water bringing possibility"

HYMN: "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" VU 99 X3 v 1,3,4

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERING PRAYER: Creator God, you have given us everything, life itself, every generous gift, and your abiding love. We share out of this awareness because we care about all people and the earth. Bless our gifts of time and talent to do the work you intend. Amen

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

CLOSING HYMN: "Spirit. Spirit of Gentleness" VU 375 X3 v 1,3,4

BLESSING

GO NOW IN PEACE VU 964 3X