



Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
January 17, 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 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18)

God is calling, do you hear? **God has searched us and knows us, discerning our thoughts from afar.**

Do not confuse the calls of the world for God's call. **God knows when we sit and where we stand, when we lie down and where we go.**

You were known to God before you were born. **God's knowledge of us is more than we can understand. God's thoughts embrace us amid all creation. We are drawn irresistibly to the promise of God's presence and by the persistence of God's call.**

CENTERING PRAYER/ PRAYER OF CONFESSION: We have come together, listening God, because you have spoken your word of summons and welcome. Speak to us in ways we can understand so we will hear the message meant for us. Creating God, our lives are an open book to you, help us to recognize in ourselves what you see there. Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowledging the wrongs we have done and the good we have neglected. We tremble before you, eager for the heavens to be opened for our transformation. Because of your love and care, we can face and overcome our shortcomings. Be with us and bless us, we pray in Jesus name. Amen

ASSURANCE: God has heard your cries and felt your pain. Your struggles to know yourself are prompted by God's love. We are all members of Christ's body. By God's grace we are turning from self-serving ways to selfless ministries. We are one in the Spirit of love. Halleluiah!

SPARK: When have you ever thought you were too _____ to be called by God?

HYMN: "I Have Called You By Your Name" MV 161 X2 v 1,4

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 3:10-20

GOSPEL READING: John 1:43-51

MESSAGE: "Called by God"

HYMN: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" VU 509 X3

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERING/PRAYER: We have heard you calling us, creating God, in the cries of your children - cries for bread, for justice, for relief. We have realized you are beckoning to us amid the trials and tribulations of a pandemic, and the social distortions of our day. We want to help, and we believe the church can be Christ's presence for everyone. Use our offerings of time and talent for the transformation of all we pray. Amen

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Hymn: "Let Us Build a House" MV 1 X3 v 1,4,5

BLESSING

GO NOW IN PEACE VU 964 3X