



Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**
January 24, 2021
Kindly enter this time centering on God, prepared to meet God.

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME Psalm 62:5

For God alone, my soul waits in silence for my hope is from God.

GATHERING HYMN: "Lord, Prepare Me" MV 18 X3

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP:

Have you heard the call to gather as God's people? God is our fortress.

Yes, God calls even us. God is our rock and our salvation; we shall not be shaken. Our trust is always in God for in God we find refuge. The God of power and steadfast love is ours. We gather to worship, pray, and be guided in love.

CENTERING PRAYER/ PRAYER OF CONFESSION: We await your message, God of time and space. We may not like what we hear, but we know we need to listen. You call us out of our comfort zones to places of discovery and newness. We hear distant echoes of warning and judgement because the resources you have given us are not always used to the best of our abilities. Speak your truth to us in this time and space so we may carry it to the places you want us to go, to the people you are eager to reach. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE:

SPARK: What has been your longest period of silence?

HYMN: "Jesus Calls Us" VU 562 X3 (v 1,2,3)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 3:1-5,10

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:14-20

MESSAGE: "Fishing"

HYMN: "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU 567 X3 (v 1,2,4)

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERING/PRAYER: Creator God, at times we seek the silence because the demands of our world overwhelm us. Guide us, to make the best us of our time and talents. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Hymn: "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" VU 563 X4

BLESSING

As citizens of Gods realm and disciples of Jesus we are called to go to our world with good news of love for all people. We know our own weaknesses, but we are called to rise above them. Go, trusting in God at all times. Go speak of God's truth in love as shown by Jesus. Go with the Spirit of God leading you on. You do not go alone.

GO NOW IN PEACE

VU 964

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