



Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **4th Sunday after Epiphany**
January 31, 2021
Kindly enter this time centering on God, prepared to meet God.

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME Psalm 111:2,3,10

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP:

Come hear again the great works of God. God's righteousness endures forever.

We are here as a community of believers to give thanks to God with whole hearts counting on God's righteousness and faithfulness. In awe before God we come, seeking wisdom, and understanding. Holy and awesome is our God.

CENTERING PRAYER/ PRAYER OF CONFESSION: God of the prophets, help us to hear your voice amid the noise of our day. Be present with us now to guide our prayer and praise. Creator God, we have claimed to have more knowledge than we actually do, we judge others on the basis of our limited understanding, we take for granted our freedom without taking full responsibilities for our actions, we exclude sisters and brothers unjustly. Light your fire within us so we may hear your summons and live our best life in your service. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE:

SPARK: What is your experience of being a prophetic voice?

HYMN: "O Radiant Christ" VU 84 X2 (v 1,4)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (The people of Israel are about to enter the promised land. This is part of Moses' speech to them)

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:21-28

MESSAGE: “We are all called to be Prophets”

HYMN: “Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit” VU 620 X3

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERING/PRAYER: Gracious God, seeking to be what is expected of us, we give some of the wealth we cherish in your service. Knowing we can never do enough to earn God’s generous blessings we express our gratitude by passing on our gifts of time and talent. May they be used in ways that encourage healthy behaviors among us in the church, and in our communities, as far as our influence can reach. Receive these gifts in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Hymn: “When Heaven’s Bright with Mystery” VU 93 X3 (v 1,3,4)

BLESSING

Thank God for this time together. Go to the world as prophets sharing the good news. Praise God for the guidance and insight received today. Find ways to spread the love and help others.

God will supply the words for our witness. Christ is our mentor and friend. We are led by the Spirit to those who need our help. We do not go alone.

GO NOW IN PEACE

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