



Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **5th Sunday after Epiphany**
Feb. 7, 2021

Kindly enter this time centering on God, prepared to meet God.

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME Psalm 147:7-11

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

GATHERING HYMN "Lord, Prepare Me" MV 18 X3

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP:

Worship God who is timeless, who does not faint or grow weary.

God rules all time and space and cares about us. The whole universe is subject to God's power. Creation continues as the universe expands. We lift our eyes to see God's wonders and gather in this space to receive God's message and reflect steadfast love to the world.

CENTERING PRAYER/ PRAYER OF CONFESSION: God of the universe, before whom we are nothing, yet, here we are, seeking to have our faith renewed and our hope restored. Make yourself known to us as we gather to praise you and give thanks for our many blessings which we sometimes take for granted, often pretending we do not need you. Restore us to yourself, we pray, that we may be worthy to be called Christians. Hear our prayer and praise, in Jesus name. Amen.

ASSURANCE:

SPARK: How have you brought healing to someone?

HYMN: "On Eagles Wings" VU 808 X3 (v 1,3,4)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1: 29-39

MESSAGE: "Sabbath Time"

HYMN: "We are Pilgrims" VU 595 X3 (v 1,2,6)

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERING/PRAYER: Creator God, thank you for showing us the best way to live and for reaching out to win our hearts through Jesus and his ministry to the least and the lost, the sick and the broken. In gratitude we come with our time and talents, giving freely and generously to be in communion with you. Amen

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West" VU 606 X3 (v 1,2,3)

BLESSING

What you have to give will be helpful, someone needs you today. We are called and commissioned so go into the world with eyes wide open. Speak a healing word. Perform a caring deed. God goes with us empowering our ministry. Jesus sends us and walks with us. With the Spirit we will go and not be weary. We do not go alone.

GO NOW IN PEACE VU 964 X3