



Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this *TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY*
Feb. 14, 2021
Kindly enter this time centering on God, prepared to meet God.

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME Psalm 50:1-3,6 (The Message)

The God of gods—it's God!—speaks out, shouts, "Earth!" welcomes the sun in the east, farewells the disappearing sun in the west. From the dazzle of Zion, God blazes into view. Our God makes his entrance, God's not shy in his coming. Starbursts of fireworks precede God. The whole cosmos attests to the fairness of this court, that here God is judge.

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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

As you heard from the scripture greeting, we are summoned from the sun's rising to its setting, so, all day every day but today we gather.

Our God is with us and does not keep silent. Through fire and tempest and pandemic, God is with us. Our ears are open to hear the good news of the gospel. Our eyes are open to see God's glory. We have come to share knowledge of Jesus, the Christ. We gather, seeking transformation and empowerment.

CENTERING PRAYER/ PRAYER OF CONFESSION: We are eager to listen, O Mighty One, so speak to us today. Bless us as we cry out to you for strength and vision. Prophets have been sent to change the world. Change us now. We feel alone, easily losing our direction and going the wrong way. Our days until recently, have been so filled with doing that there is no time for prayer or reflection. Forgive us, O God, and restore balance to our lives. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE:

SPARK: What is your image of Jesus?

HYMN: "This is God's Wondrous World" VU 296 X2 (v 1,3)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:2-9

MESSAGE: "The Center of Attention"

HYMN: "How Good, Lord, to Be Here" VU 103 X3 (v 1,4,5) (alternate tune VU 79)

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERING/PRAYER: Our work, O God, is to bring light where there is darkness and gloom, hope where there is despair and peace where there is turmoil. As Elisha asked of Elijah, so too we ask for a double portion of that same spirit to clearly discern the way you would have us go. We dedicate our offerings, our time and talent to proclaiming Jesus among us and in your world, Creator God. Amen.

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Hymn: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" VU 559 X3

BLESSING

Now go, with confidence and joy knowing God has visited earth as a human, just like us. In Jesus, the Christ humanity has been blessed. He is a light to the world, and we are to become illuminated and are responsible for reflecting the light to others. We have a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with the world. Go. God's presence is constant. Jesus is your light to the way. The Spirit is dependable and ever with us. We do not go alone.

GO NOW IN PEACE

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