

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **1st Sunday of Lent**

Feb. 21, 2021

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

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

MUSICAL PRELUDE/INTROIT:

“Breathe On Me” VU 382 X3 (2,3,1)

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: (Written by Peter Chynoweth, Yellowknife, N.W.T. **Gathering**, Lent/Easter 2021, page 32. Used with permission)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Today, I invite you to gather for worship listening again to the story of Noah and the great flood that covered the land.

We gather listening and remembering, remembering that after the flood, a rainbow draws us out of our sorrows and woes to a promise shared in the sky with all the earth, a promise of love given by God, a promise of “never again.” And so, we gather to listen, pray, and praise.

CENTERING PRAYER: We are here, Creator God, trusting your weaver hands, trusting you will take up the rainbow threads of our lives, in love, to create a fabric of promise and possibility. We wonder what design that tapestry will display, what spirited gift is will declare. For we often rip and tare, falling short of the life you would have us live. Weave us again, O God, through your vision and self-giving love, into weavers of faith and community, lovers of creation. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen (Based on a prayer written by Gord Dunbar, Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, ON. **Gathering**, Lent/Easter 2021, page 33. Used with

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ASSURANCE:

POINT TO PONDER: What meanings do rainbows hold for you?

HYMN: “Through These Lenten Days and Nights” VU 108 X3 (v 1,3,4)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Genesis 9:8-17

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

MESSAGE: “Mostly Water”

HYMN: “Crashing Waters” VU 449 X4

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

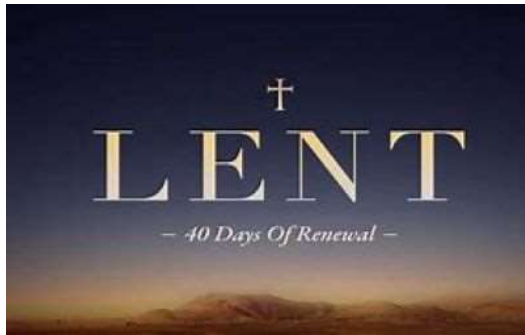
COMMUNITY PRAYER OF THANKS: The rainbow was a promise. So too, O God, we are reminded of your promise to do what we think is impossible when we reach out to you. We pray, today, that you will use us, our gifts of time and talent. Transform them, by your grace, into what is needed to bring your kingdom to our time and place. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen

Preparation for Prayer: VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: “Guide Me” VU 651 X3

BLESSING



St. Andrew's Services for Lent/Easter

1st Sunday of Lent – Feb 21st Service @ 10:30am (Sanctuary/Live)

2nd Sunday of Lent (Communion) – Feb 28th @ 10:30am Sanct/Live

3rd Sunday of Lent – Mar 7th @ 10:30am (Sanctuary/Live)

4th Sunday of Lent – Mar 14th @ 10:30am (Sanctuary/Live)

5th Sunday of Lent – Mar 21 @ 10:30am (Sanctuary/Live)

Palm Sunday – Mar 28th @ 10:30am (Sanctuary/Live)

Good Friday – Apr 2nd @ 3:00pm (Sanctuary/Live)

Easter Sunday (Communion) – Apr 4th @ 10:30am (Sanctuary/Live)

“Rising with the Morning Star” Conversations take place Saturday mornings @ 10:00am via Zoom. If you would like to join in speak with Susan.

Community Announcements

@ the Lions Hall:

- Mon-Sat Breaky – 8:00 to 10:30 (a great place for walking out of the winter elements)
- Roast Pork Dinner – Feb 28th – call Charlene 613-589-2131
- Spring Craft/Vendor Market – April 11th (10-3)