

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **2nd Sunday of Lent**
Feb 28, 2021

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

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

MUSICAL PRELUDE/INTROIT

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God" VU 382 (vs 2,3,1)

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME

Psalm 22:23,24

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We are invited to walk with God, as people of Noah's rainbow covenant.

In the flood, in the depths, in the snow and rain, O God, you are with us. In the desert, in thirst, under the unrelenting sun we sing the colors of your promise, your rainbow is our sign. We wander from the Way; you are with us in our wanderings; in our pilgrimage. We falter in our faith; you have faith in us. We have heard the call to worship and gather as your people. O God, you are with us

CENTERING PRAYER: Lead us in your truth this day, Gracious God. We turn away from our sister, our brother. you bind us together as your people. We turn away from creation. You remind us we are creatures too. Before us stretch the days of pilgrimage; before us stretch the dark nights of the soul; before us, our Lenten journey continues. O God, you are with us. Amen.

HYMN: "To Abraham and Sarah" VU 634 X3

POINT TO PONDER: What does your name mean to you?

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURES:

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

MESSAGE: "What does it mean to lose one's life for the gospel?"

HYMN: "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU 567 X3 (vs 1,2,5)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Thank you, God, for the signs and wonders that reveal your presence. Thank you for the covenant fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We want to do our part to share your love with the world. Use our offerings and our lives to bring a realization of your reign among us. Extend your realm by re-creating the church as a true representation of Jesus Christ. May we be humble, teachable, and faithful as we seek to be an example of your covenant community. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

Before us – our Lenten journey.

O God, you are with us. The old, old story wounds us anew.

We stumble on the road to Lent. You gift us with the one we follow: Teacher, Healer, Table-turner,

the one who eats and drinks with broken people,

Companion, **the one who breaks bread with us,**

True vine, **the one who shares life's cup with us.**

Seeking bread for the journey we call Lent, seeking the wine of refreshment for our desert days,

We come to this table for provisions and we remember.

And we re-enact. And we are encouraged.

As Jesus did with his friends, he took the bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, gave the bread.

This is my life, broken for you.

He took the fruit of the vine, gave thanks, pored and shared it:

This is my life, poured out for you.

Loving God, creative Power, ...

REFRESHMENT FOR THE JOURNEY CONSUMED

Preparation for Prayer: VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "Go To The World" VU 420 X4

BLESSING