

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **3rd Sunday of Lent**

March 7, 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 19:14

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God's invitation is open to journey in the way of faithfulness. Come join together in worship as we open our hearts and minds to God who inspires all things to be new.

We walk the Lenten road with confidence because Christ is with us, God's steadfast love unites us. May we receive the power and peace of divine love and may we become one seeking justice and compassion. Blessed be our learning and our vision.

CENTERING PRAYER: Renewing God, we seek the presence of your Spirit. We come to you in this season of turning and returning seeking you with our whole hearts. We know you are our source and our destiny. In the midst of life, we turn to you again thankful that you receive the broken heart, the troubled conscience, the conflicted spirit. Be our Guide and Companion as we walk with Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

POINT TO PONDER: When have you been stirred up enough to interfere in a conversation or situation? How did it turn out?

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Exodus 20:1-17

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

MESSAGE: “Radical Interference”

HYMN: “Though Ancient Walls” VU 691

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERTORY PRAYER: We bring our gifts of time and talent, O Lord, not to buy favor but to express our gratitude and further your mission. We seek to make this community a center of values that are consistent with your will. May we be zealous in your service, willing to be stirred up enough to interfere when necessary, willing to sacrifice for love's sake, and eager to embrace your word in our everyday living. Amen.

Preparation for Prayer: VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: “Be Thou My Vision” VU 642

BLESSING



UPCOMING SERVICES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

St. Andrew’s Trustees Meeting – March 11, 2021 @ 7:00pm

@ the Lions Hall:

- Mon-Sat Breaky – 8:00 to 10:30 (a great place for walking out of the winter elements)
- Spring Craft/Vendor Market – April 11th (10-3)