

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

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME

Isaiah 55:10-11 NRSV

GATHERING HYMN: "One More Step" VU 639 (vs 1,2)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP:

The Ancient Holy Living God, provider of every blessing in abundance, calls us to gather.

We overflow with prayers of thanksgiving, we are glad for the warming of days, for greening grass and blooming flowers, for the song of the Robin in the early morning, for the gentle rains of spring. We shout and sing for joy for praise belongs to you, O God. We come to worship remembering we are called to be partners in creation.

(Based on the writings of *Dora White*, Minnedosa U.C., Minnedosa, Man. **Gathering L/E** 2021, pg 43. Used with permission)

CENTERING PRAYER: Ancient Holy Living God, we gather this morning seeking your grace amid concerns for ourselves, our families and friends, our neighbors and community, our Earth. In these spring days as the temperatures warm, we see signs of new life everywhere

but these are also pandemic days. Open our hearts and minds as we anticipate healing for our world and hope for a new world to blossom. May your Word, shared today open us to greater understanding of what you would have us do and be. We are grateful to be gathered as your community of faith and we feel your presence among us. This prayer is raised in Jesus' name. Amen

POINT TO PONDER: "No Touching"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 3: 12-19

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36b-48

MESSAGE: "Touching Without Touching"

HYMN: "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" VU 635

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY LIFE:

Celebrations, Prayer Ministry,

OFFERING/PRAYER: You are the blessing, Holy God, help us to feel blessed as we share (by whatever means possible) the great abundance you bestow on us. Help us to find the meaning in our everyday lives that fulfills our calling as Disciples of Jesus. Our hearts are filled with the joy of resurrection miracles and we pray the miracles continue so others may be touched, no matter what their need. We give and pray in Jesus' name. Amen

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Hymn: “This is God’s Wondrous World” VU 296

SENDING/BLESSING

Our sending today comes from Julian of Norwich

Be a gardener for creation. Dig, toil, and sweat, and turn the earth upside down, seek the deepness, and water the plants in time. Continue this labor, and make sweet floods to run, and noble and abundant fruits to spring. Then take this food, drink, and beauty, and carry it to God as your true worship.

The blessing of God, who causes the land to put forth plants and trees; the blessing of Christ, who calls all creation to new life; and the blessing of the Spirit, whose breath brings life to the earth and all its inhabitants, goes with each and every one.

We do not go alone.

YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY VU 884 3X