

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **Fourth Sunday after Easter**

April 25, 2021

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

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME

1 John 3:16, 17 "We know what love is because Jesus gave his life for us. That's why we must give our lives for each other. If we have all we need and see one of our own people in need, we must have pity on that person, or else we cannot say we love God."

GATHERING HYMN: "One More Step" VU 639 (vs 1,2,3)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP:

(An interpretation of Psalm 23 by Susan DeHaan)

God is our Shepherd; all our needs are met.

In comfort we lay down, water nourishes body and soul, we are restored.

**Right paths are laid in front of us, we offer God our thanks and praise.
Even though the path, at times, is dark there is nothing to fear for God is
there lighting our way, offering support and comfort.**

We do not go alone.

**A banquet is prepared for us, even those who would do us harm are
invited because this is a table where love is expressed.**

We are special.

We are blessed.

**What we know for sure ... goodness and mercy are ours every day of our
lives and our home is in the heart of God forever.**

**CENTERING PRAYER: Creator God, we meet in your name,
confident that we are known and loved. Though distanced, we are
drawn close to each other and you, wanting to be empowered by
fresh insights, living as your people. In this time together, help us
to grow in genuine love that is caring and sacrificial. We embrace
the wholeness you offer and dare to risk acceptance of a healing**

**role for ourselves and our faith community. Equip us to serve
beyond this time of meeting. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

POINT TO PONDER: What have you sacrificed in love for another person?

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 4:5-12

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18

MESSAGE: "One Flock, One Shepherd"

HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" VU 331-332

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY LIFE

**OFFERING/PRAYER: Shepherding One, our cups overflow with
the blessings you generously bestow on us. As your flock, we seek
to make our world a better place. Help us to see you in our
neighbor, in the stranger, in our loved ones and friends, loving as
the author of 1 John says, "in truth and action." May our actions
reflect the love of Christ as we give of our time and talents to
further your work in the world. This we pray, in Jesus' name.
Amen**

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Hymn: "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" VU 635

BLESSING

"YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY" VU 884 3X