

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **Christian Family Sunday**
May 9, 2021

Kindly enter this time centering on God, prepared to meet God.
Light a candle in your home, welcoming, the Light of Christ into
your home, your family, your life!

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME Psalm 98:1-3 (NRSV)
GATHERING HYMN: "One More Step" VU 639 (vs 1-5)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98 cont. from The Message)

"Shout your praises to GOD, everybody! Let loose and sing! Strike up the band!

Get the orchestra to play for GOD, add on a hundred-voice choir.

Feature trumpets and trombones, fill the air with praises to King GOD. Let the sea and its fish give a round of applause, with everything living on earth joining in. Let ocean breakers call out, "Encore!" and mountains harmonize the finale— A tribute to GOD when he comes, when he comes to set the earth right. He'll straighten out the whole world, He'll put the world right, and everyone in it."

We have heard the call to gather, offering praise and prayer to God. We gather to be renewed and hear the good news of God's love in our lives.

CENTERING PRAYER/ PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Loving Mother/Father, lift us from our daily routines to the surprising joy of your blessings. Loosen our voices to praise you with sincere delight. Open our hearts to trust your leading through times of difficulty and times of plenty. Calm our doubts and guide us through our fears. You have brought us together for mutual support in a time of worship that unites our spirits. We remember that we have been baptized in the name of Christ. Teach us to follow where Christ leads. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

SPARK: Today is the first day of the rest of your life! What do you need to change?

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Acts of the Apostles 10:44-48

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

GOSPEL READING: John 15:9-17

MESSAGE: "Turned Upside Down"

HYMN: "The Spring Has Come" VU 187

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY LIFE:

OFFERING/PRAYER: Generous and loving God, May faith sustain us as we offer our best to you in praise and thanksgiving and joyous dedication. We seek to work for the reign of your truth and extension of the friendship granted to us in Jesus, the Christ. Let the offering of the work of our hands, the earnings of our time and efforts and our vision for the future bear fruit in the lives of all who are touched. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Hymn: "Would You Bless Our Homes" VU 556

BLESSING

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