

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church in Chalk River ON
On this **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
Jan 16, 2022

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

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURE GREETING(Psalm 36:7-9)/WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING HYMN: VU 218 "We Praise You, O God"

CALL TO WORSHIP/ OPENING PRAYER

Come, feast on the abundance of God's house. Come, drink deeply from the fountain of life. With steadfast love, God calls our names to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways. The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower every one.

We long to be recognized and affirmed. We are eager for a place of shelter and security. We are ready to hear the Word of God and be guided by eternal truth. When God calls us, we cannot remain silent. With Christ we accept our discipleship.

(Together we pray) **Creator God, we gather to worship knowing that even though distance separate us, you are with us. During this season of Epiphany we look at the path of Jesus between his birth and the beginning of his ministry. We gather with open hearts and minds to understand our place in your world through Jesus' example. And then, we pray for the courage to stand in that place and work toward a right relationship with you and all creation. In Jesus name we pray. Amen**

HEARING AND CONTEMPLATING THE WORD OF GOD

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11

Message: "God Given Gifts"

HYMN: VU 101 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS:

Prayer of dedication: In baptism, we became part of your greater whole - the Body of Christ. We offer to you, O God, our time, our talent, our treasure, dedicating all we have and all we are becoming to your mission of love. May our gifts and our giving be a blessing, by the power of the Spirit. Amen

VU 400 "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying"

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: VU 96 "Will You Come and See"

BLESSING

... You do not go alone.

Threefold Amen

VU 964 "Go Now in Peace"