

Welcome to the worship service of  
St. Andrew's United Church, 40 Joseph St., Chalk River, ON  
Third Sunday in Lent    March 15, 2020

### Gathering of the Community of Saints

Welcome & Greeting

Processional "Throughout These Lenten Days" VU #108  
Verse 1

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

**God of grace and truth, we come to your house today to worship you. We bring all of ourselves to you, all of the good, the bad, and the ugly. We entrust our hidden, fearful, and fragile selves to your transforming power and gentle, loving care. Blessing, glory, and honour are yours alone. Thank you for the many ways your Spirit breaks into our lives and into this troubled world. We offer this prayer as we come together to worship here at St. Andrews in the name of the One whose name is above every name, Jesus Christ. Amen.** (Adapted from the United Church of Christ- our partner denomination in the United States)

Opening Hymn "May the God of hope go with us" VU #424

Minute for Missions

Prayer of Hope

God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people. For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone,  
**Forgive us, we pray.**

For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way when your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected,  
**Grant us mercy, O God.**

For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused,

**Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.**

For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom, For each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us,  
**Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.**

For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering around us,  
**Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace and abundance of hope; Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.** (Adapted from the UCC)

Words of Assurance

Hymn "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" VU #651

Learning Time Together    *Rocky & Squeak*

### Hearing God's Word

Old Testament                      Exodus 17:1-7  
Epistle                                Romans 5:1-11  
Psalm 95                              VU #814            Part #1  
Gospel Reading                      John 4:5-42  
Message  
Hymn        "Forty Days and Forty Nights"                      VU #114

### Responding to God's Call

Life and Work of the Congregation

Invitation to make an Offering

**Through Christ we are called to be sowers of God's truth and reapers of God's blessings. Therefore, let us joyfully share a portion of what we have received from God so those in need may rejoice with us.**

Offertory “We Give Thee But Thine Own” verse 1 VU #543

Offering Prayer

Candle lighting- in remembrance VU #400

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer - **Sung** **VU #959**

Closing Hymn “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” VU #559

Benediction and Commissioning

Threefold Amen

Go now in peace