

Chalmers



The United Church of Canada Palm Passion Sunday

10:30 am April 9, 2017

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Song Books VU *Voices United* MV *More Voices*

Ringers Off please, on all electronic devices. Thank you.

Prayers of the People Prayer requests for persons ill (with permission) and for global, national and local concerns may be left at the Prayer Desk at the south back wall of the sanctuary. These will be brought to the Communion Table with the Offering and included in the Prayers.

For millennia indigenous people have inhabited this land. We gather on the traditional shared territory of the *Anishinaabek* and *Haudenosonee* Peoples, grateful for their historic stewardship.

Gathering

Fanfare for the Common Man - Aaron Copland, arr. Eric Meece

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF PALMS

The Hallel Psalm 118: 19 – 29 **responsive**

Open to me the gates of righteousness
that I may enter through them and give thanks to God!

This is the gate of the Holy One.

The righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God's doing! It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that God has made!

We rejoice and are glad in it. O God, give us success.

Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

Bind the festal procession with branches
up to the horns of the altar.

Give thanks to God, for God has given us light.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

stand **PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU 126** *Ride On, Ride On, the Time is Right*

Our Spirit Alive Children celebrate with a Procession of Palms on
their way to meet with Children of Sydenham Street United Church.

Sunday 10:30 am

Borrowed Donkey Borrowed Time

John 12: 12 - 16

stand **HYMN VU 123** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Litany

One Dead man walking!

All **Dead man riding!**

One A borrowed donkey to ride. A borrowed room to meet.
A borrowed tomb to lie.

All **Jesus, you're living on borrowed time!**
What do you need to borrow from me?

One Gate of heaven. True door.
Sanctuary of justice. Oasis of love.

All **Jesus, come to my inner room – that is me.**
What do you need me to prepare for you?

One Broken bread. Broken promises. Broken legs. Broken body.

All **Jesus, you're breaking sin and death!**
What must crack in me so your light gets in?

One Poured out wine. Poured out blood.
Poured out water. Poured out life.

All **Jesus, you're poured out – a sacred victim.**

**Make my church broken bread
and poured out wine for the earth.**

One Dead man walking!
Dead man riding for us!

Virtue - Kenneth Jennings

Sweet day, so cool, so calm, so bright, the bridal of the earth and sky.
The dew shall weep thy fall to-night, for thou must die.
Sweet rose, whose hue angry and brave bids the rash gazer wipe his eye.
Thy root is ever in its grave, and thou must die.
Sweet spring, full of sweet days and roses,
A box where sweets compacted lie,
My music shows ye have your closes, and all must die.
Only a sweet and virtuous soul, like season'd timber, never gives.
But though the whole world turn to coal, then chiefly lives.

George Herbert 1633

Tuesday 6 pm

Scapegoat

Matthew 26: 2 - 5, 20 - 24

Litany

One Nourisher of our spirits, Bread of Life,
betrayed at table, surrendered to the powers of the night.

All **You, Bread of Life, are broken.**

Through you, we are made whole again.

One Just one of the flock, Lamb of God, innocent,
untutored in the art of betrayal, dumb animal for sacrifice,
scapegoat to carry away our sin.

All **You, Lamb of God, are victim.**

Through you, the making of victims ends.

One Here is our frailty. Here is our fear.
Here is the total of all that you bear.

All **Here are the sins of our silenced hearts ...**

~ silence ~

One Light for our darkness, Light of the World,
abandoned to the storm, snuffed by gales of fear and folly.

All **You, Light of the World, are radiant love.**

In you, the light cannot be quenched.

stand **HYMN 73** *O God, Why Are You Silent?*

Midnight

Dark Night

Luke 22: 47 - 51

Litany

One In fear, the followers of Jesus ask

All **"Jesus, should we fight? We brought the swords!"**

One But Jesus said:

All **"No more of this."**

**"Jesus, should we build our nuclear arsenal
in case the other side strikes first?"**

One But Jesus said:

All **"No more of this."**

**"Jesus, should we invade countries
 that we believe harbour terrorists?"**
 One But Jesus said:
 All **"No more of this."**

**"Jesus, should we cleanse our region of those
 who are not our nation, our people, our tribe?"**
 One But Jesus said:
 All **"No more of this."**

 One We can't believe that to resist firmly,
 but without violence, will keep us safe. And so we say:
 All **"We brought the swords!"**
 One But Jesus said:
 All **"No more of this."**

Thanksgiving

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

Prelude on *O Sacred Head* - David Lasky

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
 Now and forever. Amen**

stand HYMN VU 118 *Wonder and Stare* Iona Community
**Wonder and stare. Fear and beware.
 Heaven and hell are close at hand.
 God's living way, Jesus, this day follows where faith and love demand.**

High Noon

Cross

Luke 23: 38 - 42

Litany

One Paradise, how we long for Paradise!
 We long for the day when we have no burdens to bring.
 All **We long for the day when no blood is shed.
 We long for the day when our Good Fridays end.**
 One Between heaven and earth, between two crosses,
 Between our words and actions,
 All **Jesus, you stand with arms wide open.**
 One Sacred head so wounded, gaze in love at our faces below.
 Jesus, may my gaze not abuse the eye it meets,
 Not disturb
 All **but bring peace.**
 One Not sadden
 All **but give joy.**

One Not attract to hold captive
All but draw my friend to embrace you.
 One Paradise lost by us.
All Paradise found in you.
 One For the tool of death
All now the instrument of love.
 One All dies but truth.
All For there are no dice in Paradise.

BENEDICTION

sung Amen

MUSIC TOWARD CALVARY

Cortège solennel - Léon Boëllmann

Gifts Shared

Our thanks to:

Greeters	Mike Hartlin, Wilmer Hill
Hospitality	Outreach Committee
Sound Tech	Shannon Dickson, Brigitta Holzschuh shadowing
Counter	Barbara Laidlaw

Today

- **11:45 am: Sharing a Future.** We gather for a light lunch in the main floor Hall of Sydenham St United Church with our SSUC neighbours for fellowship and conversation on the Proposal for Shared Staffing, currently being considered by our two congregations. This is our opportunity to share questions, feelings and dreams for the future.

Holy Week

Tuesday Apr. 11

- **11:30 am: The Chalmers / Sydenham St. United Joint Men's Group** meets at Mino's Village Restaurant, 1762 Princess St., with **Dr. Wendy Craig**, "Addressing Bullying Through Promoting Relationships On and Offline." Dr. Craig is an expert in the prevention of bullying among children and adolescents, a subject relevant to parents and grandparents. **All persons of our congregations are invited to attend.** Members of our Group will be contacted by their Team Captains. Others wishing to attend, contact Meikle Turner <meikle_irish@yahoo> 613-542-7744 before 7pm today. Luncheon cost is \$20 pp (including tax and gratuity).
- **Noon Discussion Group** meets in Church House, exploring *A New Harmony* by John Philip Newell. Brown bag lunch.

Maundy Thursday Apr. 13

- **1:30 pm: Centering Prayer Circle** in the Sanctuary.
- **5:30 pm: Community Potluck Supper, The Story of Jesus' Last Week and Table Communion** in MacCallum Hall.
- **7 pm:** Choir rehearsal.

Good Friday Apr. 14

- **10:30 am: *Tenebrae*** – Shadows fall on the Day of the Cross. **Shared Worship** with seven downtown churches at Sydenham Street United Church.

Easter Sunday Apr. 16

- **10:30 am: The Resurrection Story and Communion**

Easter Week

Tues. Apr. 18 7 – 9 pm: *Putting Everything On The Table*

Over the past few years, West Hill United Church has been profoundly challenged to engage the nature of their Christian and denominational identity, and to imagine what an emerging future church might be.

We are invited to join with

**People of West Hill United Church Toronto
and their minister, The Rev. Gretta Vosper
in conversation with The Christian Church of 2017**

Speakers and discussion will address

- The rise of post-Christendom Church communities.
- Progressive Christian communities.
- What theists, non-theists and atheists have in common.
- Can there be a Christian Church without Jesus?
- Can there be a church without God?

We gather to meet, to listen, to hear, to share, to part with understanding.

A presentation of the Christian Education and Faith Formation Committee.

Sat. Apr. 29 **Outreach: Truth and Reconciliation Group**


- **10 am - 3 pm: *Opening Paths to Reconciliation***, a workshop hosted by Four Winds Presbytery Truth & Reconciliation Committee, at Grace United Church Napanee (corner of Robert and Bridge Streets). We will discuss four **Calls to Action** by churches, from the TRC Report. This **Free** event includes handouts, lunch and a screening of *The Secret Path*. **Register** - with name, contact information, Church name and dietary needs - with <chris.ingersoll@kos.net> by Wed. April 19. The Rev. Nancy Clarke is a member of the planning committee.

Community Life

- **URGENT: One more Sound Tech is needed for the Fall!**
A paid position. Training is provided. No experience required.
Send expressions of interest to: office@chalmersunitedchurch.com>
Community Craft Group: Knitting, Crocheting, making Jewelry, painting Pots ... What crafts do you enjoy making with your hands? We hope to include enthusiastic crafty people from the neighbourhood. Contact:
Abby Foote 613-766-6628 <abigailfoote1@gmail.com>
Mary-Stewart Ross 613-384-0952 <marystewartross@gmail.com>

Community Pastoral Caring

Please refer persons in hospital or care facility, ill at home, needing contact or a *Thinking of You* card, to the Rev. Nancy Clarke at home 613-384-4698 or cell 613-532-4431 <revnancyclarke@gmail.com>, or Rev. Drew Strickland 613-546-3263 (ext. 226) or cell 613-876-0118 <drew.strickland@chalmersunitedchurch.com>



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Enid and Alan Richardson
and
Catherine and Kenneth Richardson
from Sherry and David Richardson and family




Being There in a Better Way **Deepening our ability to do Pastoral Visiting**

Sunday May 7th Noon to 2 pm
MacCallum Hall
A catered Lunch by *Old Farm* is provided.
Info and Qs?

Linda Hutchinson 613-542-7645 <hutchinl@kingston.net>
Marilyn Perry 613-548-8462 <djp@queensu.ca>

Did You Know?

Juliet Milsome has been in the Chalmers Choir for 44 years, since 1973, and was a Section Leader for 20 years! Sing on! 

Saturday June 3

- You are invited to join in the **Bardemonium!** at Drew's place. Open House Drop-in all afternoon. Food at Five. Music after. RSVP for supper NendrumNow@gmail.com 613-876-0118

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