

# Chalmers



**The United Church of Canada**

**10:30 am June 25, 2017**

**Children** remain in the service today.

There are activity options available at the back of the Sanctuary.

**Assists** Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

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

**Ringers Off** 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

Flute and Organ Prelude: *I Just Came to Praise the Lord*

Trad. arr. J. Schrader, Bill Egnatoff, flute

### COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**stand VU 333**      *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling*      Choir Procession

### PRAYER OF THE HEART

*Moments of Sabbath*

by Margaret Moncrieff, Bill Egnatoff, flute

*Fishing Tip: From Good to Great!*

**stand VU 479**      *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*

## Word

Matthew 11: 2 – 6, 28 – 30

Marilyn Perry

When John the Baptist heard, in prison, what the Christ was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see - the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have good news brought to them. Blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me. For I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

### ANTHEM

*How Can I Keep from Singing* - Trad. arr. B. Ellingboe

*Resolve*

Dr. Donna Forster

## Thanksgiving

### PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

Flute and Organ Offertory: *Aria* (Suite Antique) - John Rutter

**stand MV 150**      *Spirit God*  
One    You invite the weary to come, O God.  
All    **I give you my burden and I take your love upon me.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One    Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer,  
All    **Life Giver and Source of all that is and shall be,**  
One    Loving God, in whom is heaven,  
All    **The hallowing of your name echo through the cosmos.**  
         **Your way of justice be followed by peoples of earth.**  
         **Your will be done by all created beings.**  
         **Your commonwealth of peace and freedom**  
         **Sustain our hope and come on earth.**

One With the bread we need for today,  
**All Feed us.**  
 One In hurts we absorb from one another,  
**All Forgive us.**  
 One In times of temptation and test,  
**All Strengthen us.**  
 One From trials too great to endure,  
**All Spare us.**  
 One From the grip of all that is evil,  
**All Free us. For you reign in the power that is love,  
 now and forever. Amen**

A Prayer in the form of The Lord's Prayer, J. Cotter, adapted

*stand* VU 509 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

**BENEDICTION**

*sung* VU 318



*Morning Song* – Trad. arr. D. Ferreira

**Talents Shared**

Our thanks to

**Liturgical Animation Team**

Rosalie Armstrong, Jan Elliott, Katie Henderson  
 Faye Irving, Susan Irving, Katharine Smithrim

**Greeter**

Jean Sills

**Hospitality**

Mary Davis Little

**Sound Tech**

Simon Kerr

**Counter**

Susan Irving

## Today

- We welcome **Dr. Donna Forster**, Executive Director of *Resolve*, formerly the Kingston Community Counselling Centre, on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, honouring 1967 co-founders from Chalmers: The Rev. Dr. Franklin Bannister and Dr. Gordon Mylks.
- **7 pm: Four Winds Presbytery Covenanting Service for the Rev. Michael Putnam** at Selby United Church, 153 Pleasant Drive, Selby. [selbyunited.ca](http://selbyunited.ca)
- **Message from Rev. Nancy Clarke:** Thank you for all your best wishes. I have very much enjoyed my ministry with Chalmers. I will miss my connections here, but will cherish the memories and the experiences that we share. God's blessings to you all.
- **Message from Rev. Drew Strickland:** Thank you for the wonderful Retirement Celebration last Sunday - for such meaningful shared words of gratitude and blessing, the beautiful glass bowl, the contribution to my Barndominium project, the adaptation of The Hallelujah Chorus (which I would like to name "The HalleDrewYa! Chorus."), the smiling presence of Chalmers, and the Cake!

## This Week

### Tuesday June 27

- **Noon Discussion Group** meets in Church House, exploring *A New Harmony* by John Philip Newell. Brown bag lunch.
- **5:15 pm: The Liturgical Animation Team** meets in Church House for Potluck and Summer planning.

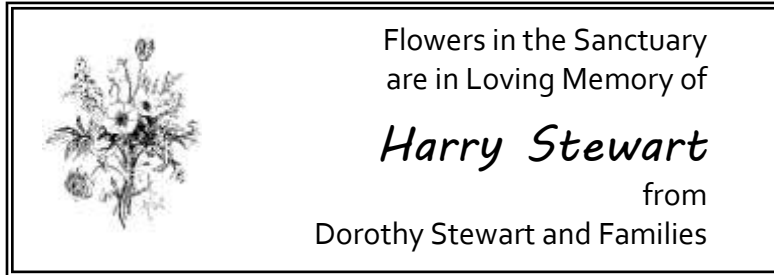
Summer Sundays  
Worshipping Together  
Sydenham Street United Church joins with Chalmers  
for 5 Sundays July 2 – 30  
We join with Sydenham Street United Church  
for 5 Sundays August 6 – September 3

## 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, cell 613-532-4431 <revnancyclarke@gmail.com>, or **Rev. Drew Strickland** 613-546-3263 (ext. 226), cell 613-876-0118 <drew.strickland@chalmersunitedchurch.com>

In July

Please contact the **Rev. Drew Strickland**.



- **Flowers:** Each Sunday Memorial Flowers in the sanctuary are delivered to members who are sick, in hospital, shut-in, and to those we wish to remember. There are available dates in the near future if you wish to donate flowers (tax receiptable). Contact Isabel McLeod, 613-546-2809, or leave a message at the Church Office.

## The Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group JTRAG

**Chalmers:** Rosalie Armstrong, Michael Cooke, Bill Egnatoff, Joan Egnatoff, Rosemary MacLachlan, Eric MacPherson, Mary-Stewart Ross (Co-chair)

**SSUC:** Lynn Freeman (Co-chair), Jim Leake, Barbara Parrott, Rienk Vlietstra

**Other:** Anya Hageman

We have been meeting regularly since November to consider our collective response to the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The Commission, chaired by now Senator Murray Sinclair, found that Canada had been engaged in cultural genocide in its treatment of First Nations People. Canadian churches, including the United Church of Canada and its predecessors, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, played a role in this policy by operating Residential Schools. In 1986 The United Church of Canada issued a formal apology for its part, and again in 1998.

(Visit [united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/apologies](http://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/apologies))

There is much to do. Senator Sinclair has specifically called on churches party to the Settlement Agreement to develop educational strategies for learning about the church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of Residential Schools, and why the Apologies were necessary (*Call to Action 59*).

- June 10<sup>th</sup>. Co-chairs Lynn Freeman and Mary-Stewart Ross organized **THE GATHERING Concert**, with proceeds benefitting the Ontario Native Women's Association Indigenous Food Project.
- January 30<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>. For church members and the public, Chalmers hosted the KAIROS Blanket Exercise - the powerful interactive Ceremony enacting the history of the relationship between Canada's First Peoples and Europeans.
- June 18<sup>th</sup>. Sydenham Street United Church with St. James Anglican Church offered the Blanket Exercise in City Park.

In the coming months JTRAG will:

- establish lending libraries at Chalmers and SSUC, on Indigenous history and culture, relationship and reconciliation.
- explore opportunities to connect with others in Kingston sharing our passion to advance reconciliation with First Nations people.

Visit [sites.google.com/site/jtragkingston/home](https://sites.google.com/site/jtragkingston/home) for information on JTRAG initiatives. View the calendar of upcoming events in our area.

Contact [lynn.freeman@queensu.ca](mailto:lynn.freeman@queensu.ca) or [marystewartross@gmail.com](mailto:marystewartross@gmail.com) with questions and suggestions.

## Engaging A Future Together

Sydenham Street United Church is grateful that our congregations have endorsed the recommendations presented by the Chalmers/SSUC Joint Committee on Shared Ministry. This is a great step forward. The future remains uncharted and yet to be discovered. We can do more together, building on the strong foundation of our shared values and individual histories. We look forward to getting to know each other better, learning from each other, working together to enrich our congregational life and extending our service to the broader community.

The Joint Committee has set out the next steps in our collaboration. Our congregations have approved the establishment of

- a Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC), identifying four members of each congregation, to join together this summer in defining the role of a shared Minister of Word, Sacraments and Pastoral Care, with the expectation that the JNAC will report to our congregations in the early fall.
- a Joint Ministry and Personnel, and Worship Committee.

We have given assent to the Joint Committee to continue its work in guiding our congregations through this transition process, and leading consultation on the second ministry position to focus on congregational life and community engagement, currently envisioned as half-time. These committees will report regularly to the Chalmers Coordinating Council of Elders, the SSUC Executive Committee, and to our congregations.

In embracing change, we seeking to honour our past while renewing our commitment to fully engage Christian faith development and community service today. We extend our deepest appreciation for the work our congregations, and our sincerest commitment to sharing an evolving future together.

Lynn Freeman and Jack Soule,  
Co-chairs of the Sydenham Street United Church congregation,  
and on behalf of the congregation.

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Formerly **Kingston Community Counselling Centres (K3C)**, **Resolve** offers a variety of services geared to helping clients overcome adversity.

**Vision**

To significantly improve social and emotional well-being.

**Mission**

To provide quality counselling and support to encourage individual and family strengths.

**Principles**

- All people have the right to dignity and respect, to be treated fairly and honestly.
- Resources should be accessible to all people.
- Healthy communication is to be fostered and encouraged.

**Resolve** is a not-for-profit counselling agency governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. We are a registered charity in Canada and a member agency of the United Way. Funding from a variety of sources, including generous support from the United Way, government grants and voluntary contributions from community members, makes possible the offering of professional counselling services at little or no cost, that our Vision and Mission can be achieved according to our Principles.



**Rooted in History**

The peonies beside the Clergy Street steps 'stem' from the original plant from the site of Chalmers at Earl and Sydenham Streets from 1849 - 1890

**Did You Know?**

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**Church House Office:** Monday to Thursday 9:30 am to 4 pm