



Chalmers

The United Church of Canada

Reformation Day

10:30 am October 29, 2017

Children are in the worship service today.

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 *Haudenosee* Peoples, grateful for their historic stewardship.

Singing For Our Lives

The Hilliker Preaching Lectureship

DR. ANDREW DONALDSON

Gathering

J.S. Bach, Cello Suite #1
Andrew Donaldson, solo guitar

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time To Sing

Andrew introduces Songs and Refrains

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Sung Refrain: **My soul magnifies the Lord,** Choir, then All
And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

Magnificat, Luke 3:46, 47

One Holy One, you have been our dwelling place

All **Our dwelling place in all generations.**

One Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

All **From everlasting to everlasting you are God. R**

One Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
All **That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

One Let your work be manifest to your servants,
All **And your glorious power to their children.**

R
Psalm 90

PRAYER OF THE HEART

stand **HYMN** *O Holy God, there was a time* Psalm 85 Tune HURON CAROL

Listen! I Tell You a Mystery

Dr. Andrew Donaldson

Word

Psalm 73

Why Do The Powerful Have It So Good?

True, true, God is good. Good to the upright, good to the just.
But I—I couldn't see it, nearly missed it, feet slipping, sliding to the ditch.
I couldn't take my eyes off the rich. "Look at them!" I said,
"Sleek and slick, nothing will stain them, nothing will stick:
No grime, no crime, no punishment."

Sung Refrain 1:

Why do the powerful have it so good?

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Always in style, dressed to oppress,
Strings of blood-diamonds hang at their necks.
People all praise them: every word they say gets
Scribbled, scrawled as high as heaven,
Scribbled and scrawled across the earth.
"Your God?" they scoff. "Don't make me laugh!
Your Most High has nothing to teach, out of touch, out of reach.
Always has been, from the beginning."

R1

Why do I stand with God? Why, why do I stand with God?
Lord, Lord, this is my reward—agony and grief? In vain I seek relief.

Sung Refrain 2:

Why do I stand with God? **Why do I stand with God?**

Here comes the pain again, always the same again.
 Here comes the sun—here comes someone to slap me down.
 Grief, agony, agony, grief, in vain I seek relief. **R2**

Then I went to the holy place. There I stopped. There I stood.
 There in the temple, it became so simple.
 There in prayer, it all came clear. The wicked step on a slippery slope,
 A slip, a slide, and they face the abyss. Who mourns them?
 Who misses them? It's as if they'd never been. **R2**

Thinking it through, thinking it through.
 I turn in circles, thinking it through. **R2**

Who do I have in heaven? Where can I turn on the earth?
 I would rather cry out for God than whisper with the wicked.
 I would rather hunger for you than feast with the proud, O God.
 With your strong hand you lead me,
 And at my end with honour receive me.
 True, true, God is good. God is good. It's true, it's true.

Sung Refrain 3:

True, true, God is good. **True, true, God is good.**

stand **MV 138** *My Love Colours Outside the Lines*

Joshua 6: 2 - 5a

Rosalie Armstrong

Singing the Walls Down

Dr. Andrew Donaldson

seated **MV 66** *Senzenina*

Amos 5: 14 - 24

One Seek good. Seek good and not evil, that you may live,
 and so the God of hosts will be with you, just as you have said.
 Hate evil. Love good. Establish justice in the gate.
 It may be that the God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.
 Therefore, thus says the Holy One, in all the squares there shall be wailing
 and in all the streets they shall say, 'Alas!' 'Alas!'
 They shall call the farmers to mourning, and those skilled in lamentation,
 to wailing. In all the vineyards there shall be wailing for I will pass through
 the midst of you. I will pass through the midst of you, says God.
 Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
 Why do you want that day? It is darkness, not light.
 It is as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear.
 Or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
 and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness?
 Is it not darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
 I hate, I despise your festivals. I take no delight in your solemn assemblies
 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain-offerings,
 I will not accept them. The offerings of well-being of your fatted animals,
 I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs.
 I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
 But let justice roll down like waters. Let justice roll down like waters.

- All **Let justice ... roll down like waters!**
Let justice ... roll down like waters!
Let justice ... roll down like waters!
- One And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
- All **Righteousness like an ever-flowing stream!**

ANTHEM

Companions In The Way

The one who saw the heavens torn apart, and knew God's kingdom close at hand,
 says, "Bring your skill, your craft, your art. Come learn of me to fish on dry land."

The one who told a story, touched a nerve, gave those who heard, new hearts to hear,
 made bread and fish a feast, to serve as vision of the kingdom coming near.

The one who used a boat for sowing seed, a common coin to lay true motives bare,
 Says, "Bring your gift, your heart, your need. Come, gather in my name and I am there."

Come, dance thanksgiving, paint a prayer. Let loose the drums of joy.

Come, pluck a riddle from the lute. Bake bread as Word raised high.

Come, sculpt a psalm to shake, awaken spirits into day.

Let Word be bread, be strength, be life, be-friend us, send us as companions in the Way.

On donkey's back, he faced the Empire's sword in parable for all to see brought healing
 grace, inviting word: "God's realm is near. Come, turn and follow me."

The one who turned the tables on the pure, where coin and earthly power staked
 their claim, transforms a table to a door to open wide in welcome, in his name.

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Playing the Part

Imitation: The Sincerest Form of Discipleship

Dr. Andrew Donaldson

Thanksgiving

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

Allemande - J.S. Bach, Cello Suite #1

Andrew Donaldson, solo guitar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

... our hope, our life ...

Sung Refrain: God our hope, God our life, HURON CAROL
Show us your grace that we may rejoice in you.

We Go Out

When we sing together,

In a way, nothing happens.

The song begins, ends. Life goes on.

But when we sing together,

We give brief life to a world of good things,

Sing our neighbour's side of the story,

Widen our experience of God's justice,

Sing a new song.

When we sing together,
We renew our strength.
Walls fall down,
Prisons vanish,
Apartheid is dismantled,
The dream becomes reality.
The word becomes flesh,
Life goes on.

Andrew Donaldson

BLESSING

stand **Song**

May This Church Be Like A Tree
Que esta iglesia sea un árbol

Talents Shared

Our thanks to:

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Choirs: Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches

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Guitar: Hassen Butler, Michael Dent, Kathryn King, Drew Strickland

Penny Whistle: Mickle Turner

Piano, Organ: David Melhorn-Boe

Steel Pans: James Smith



DR. ANDREW DONALDSON

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comes to this years' Lectureship with extensive experience in ecumenical worship, having recently completed a five-year appointment as Worship Consultant to the World Council of Churches in Geneva, sent by the United Methodist Church USA. He has songs and hymns in collections in North America and Europe. Andrew has led worship, given workshops, addressed international conferences in Korea, Hungary, Poland, Scotland and many other countries. He is a recording artist, choir leader, a highly accomplished classical guitarist and lutenist, was co-editor of *The Book of Praise* for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and is a past-president of *The Hymn Society in the USA and Canada*. In 2007 Andrew received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Knox College, University of Toronto, for his work in congregational song.

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Writing, playing, teaching and leading people in singing their faith.

Today

- **11:30 am - 1 pm: Presbytery Book Sale** in MacCallum Hall.
- **4 pm: Singing the Reformation@500** Join with friends of Christian Reformed, Lutheran, United and Presbyterian Churches at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Princess and Clergy Streets), for an hour of singing the Classic Hymns of the Reformation. Free on-street Parking and in the Public lot on Queen St. west of the Church.

This Week

Tuesday Oct. 31 Hallowe'en

- **Noon Book Discussion Group** meets in Chalmers Church House. Brown bag lunch. All Welcome.

Wednesday Nov. 1 All Saints Day

- **3 pm:** Gather in Chalmers Church House for the **Book Study of *The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of the Lord's Prayer***, by Jesus scholar and theologian John Dominic Crossan. Book \$20. Contact Marilyn Perry with Qs and to indicate you're coming. 613-548-8462

Thursday Nov. 2

- **11:30 am: \$6 Catered Lunch** by *Old Farm Fine Foods* in MacCallum Hall. Lunch will be salad, an entrée or soup/stew and dessert. Planning to attend? Contact Jane MacEwen 613-546-3905. Leave a message if necessary.
- **1:30 pm: Centering Prayer Session** at Chalmers Church House.
- **7:15 pm: Chalmers Choir Rehearsal** in MacCallum Hall.

Saturday Nov. 4

- **10 am:** Chalmers Flute Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

Saturday Nov. 11

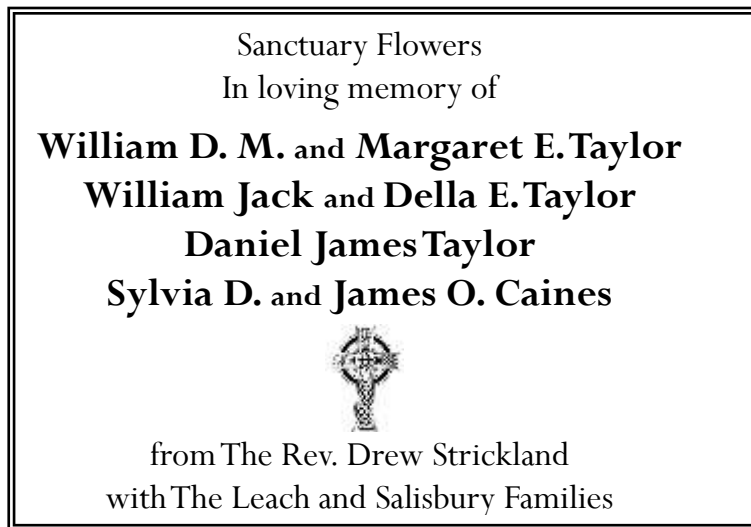
- **7:30 pm: PeaceQuest** co-hosts "The World Remembers: An Evening for Peace" with the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts, hosted by distinguished Kingston writer Marilyn Simonds. The concert features performances by Digging Roots, Cantabile Youth Choir and Open Voices Community Choir. Dr. Geoff Hodgetts (Queen's Family Medicine) will talk about his experiences in the war zones of Bosnia and Afghanistan. R.H. Thomson's *The World Remembers* will provide a powerful visual backdrop for this evening of active remembering and imagining. For tickets (\$29 each) call Michael Cooke 416-209-6156, or The Isabel Box Office 613-533-2424, 1-855-533-2424 <ibcpaboffice@queensu.ca>

Tuesday Nov. 14

- **11:30 am:** The next luncheon meeting of our **Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** (formerly the Joint Men's Group but now a non gender-specific group) will be at Mino's Village Restaurant, 1762 Princess St. Our guest will be Julie Salter-Keane, Community Projects Manager, City of Kingston.
- **7 pm: The Co-ordinating Council of Elders (CCE)** invites all Members of Chalmers to attend **a presentation by Presbytery on the process** churches are required to follow if they are considering **becoming an Affirming Congregation**

Chalmers Community Pastoral Care

- Please refer persons in hospital or care facility, ill at home, needing contact or a *Thinking of You* card, to Rev. Drew Strickland 613-546-3263 (ext. 226), cell 613-876-0118
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Fridays: administration day. Emergencies only please.