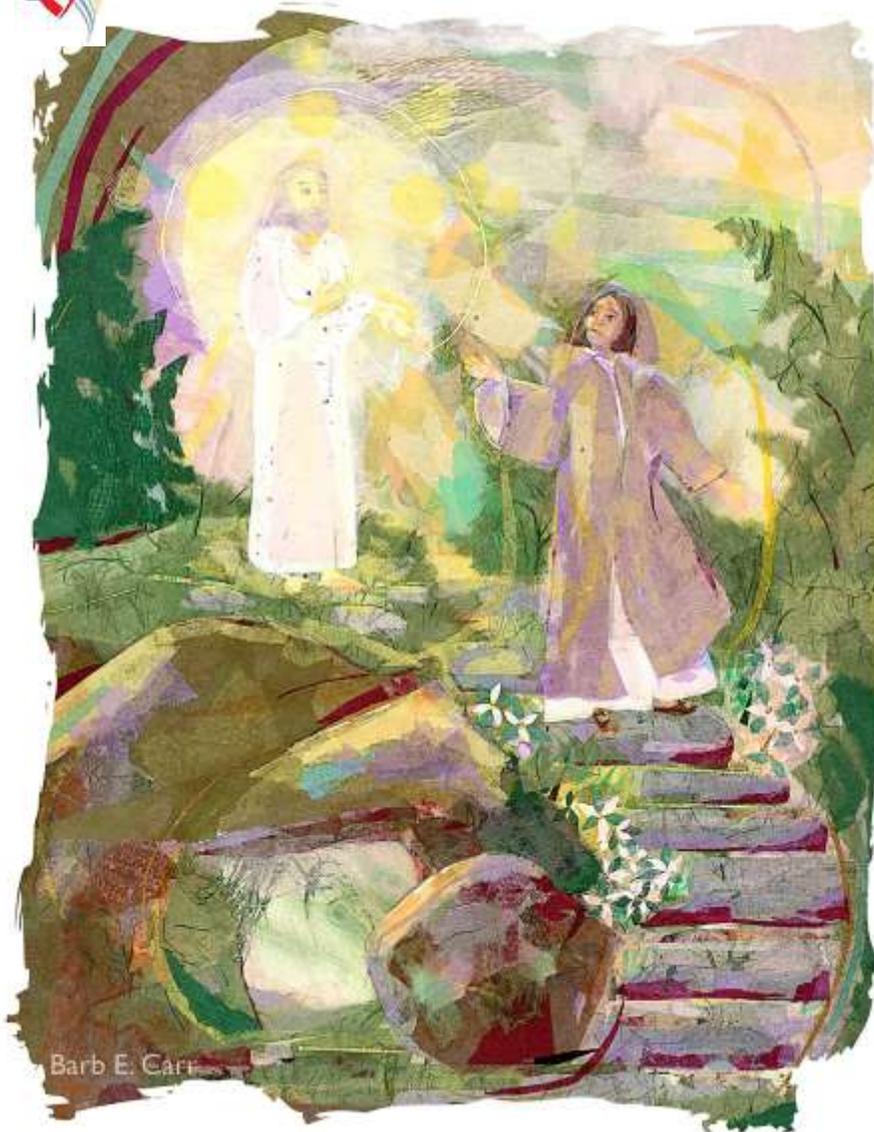




Sydenham Street and Chalmers



Barb E. Carr

Sharing Worship

United Churches of Canada

10:30 am

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

For millennia indigenous people have inhabited this land.
We gather in gratitude on the shared territory of the *Anishinaabe* and
Haudenosaunee Peoples, as they continue to share their land with us.

GATHERED BY THE WORD

PRELUDE

Slow Organ – Helmut Hoefft

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF LIFE WORK

INTROIT AND LIFTING OF THE DARK

When It Was Yet Dark – Stephen Hatfield

RE-LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jesus Lives! The Light of the World lives again!

Lives again in us, and in those who live his way of self-sharing love!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Magdalene doesn't know Jesus
until he calls her by name.
In that moment her faith is resurrected,
her life begins again.

**We are called by name, too,
Both personally and as a church.**

May we hear that call again
humming in our day-to-day,
beginning in this hour,
**that our faith might be resurrected,
our life begin again. Amen.**

*stand VU 173 Thine is the Glory
(changing last line to: to the world with love)
Children are invited to leave for their activities.*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

May our mind and heart be open to the Word
In these words we're about to hear;
**And may that Word touch us in whatever situation
we're in at this moment. Amen**

John 20: 1 – 18

Faye Irving

For the Word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the Word of God within us

Thanks be to God!

stand VU 176 Who Is There on This Easter Morning

CALLED BY NAME

Creator of sacred space and time
our Monday-to-Monday
race for gold
leaves no earthly time or space
for the sacred — **empties
even our Sunday of
your humming presence.**

We stand weeping outside
the empty pew — mourning
what used to be —
**the Sunday-best pew,
the black-and-white pulpit,
the heaped-up offering plate,
the seam-bursting Sunday school,
and the crowds that used to create
sacred space and time between
arrival and departure.**

In despairing desperation
we tinker with time
**adding Wednesday evening
to Sunday morning;**

we decorate space with
**felt-board and flip-chart
guitar and sing-along
slides put to music
dance and applause
quickenning the pace
passing the peace
come-forward communion
come back for coffee —
And still — the empty pew ...**

... Then — one day — we hear you;
**In everyday space-time we hear
you calling us — by name —
embracing us in**
a ruby-throat humming
over our scarlet cup;
**a book that speaks our truth
page after page;**
our cat's grateful rumble
under a smoothing hand;
**an estranged friend's I'm-sorry;
our partner's first I-love-you;
our new-born's first cry;
our parent's last words.**

Your humming in these
sets our soul humming,
**recreates in us
your sacred time and space,
be it Sunday, Wednesday,
any day — or place.**

Re-creator of sacred space-time,
when we despair of the empty pew,
when we mourn our used-to-be,
**help us trust your yet-can-be
that others might hear
— through us —
you calling them
by name.**

by Norm SD Esdon; Commissioned by Sydenham Street United Church Oct 2006

ANTHEM

Norwegian Alleluia – Kim Andre Arnesen

Called By Name

Rev. Norm Esdon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

stand VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me

GATHERING OUR GIFTS DURING THE OFFERTORY

Waltz on O Jesus Christ, Be with Us Now – Liselotte Kunkel

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS, SINGING

stand VU 538 For the Gift of Creation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

VU 921, 1ST version

Going Out with the Word

stand **VU 586** *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection*

COMMISSIONING

Re-creator of sacred space-time,
when we despair of the empty pew,
when we mourn our used-to-be
that others might hear
- through us –
you calling them
by name.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ragtime on *Earth and Sky Should Sing* - Gunther Martin Goettsche

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters
Children are invited to meet with Hope Yen and Rosemary Thoms for Christian stories and activities. Please meet when prompted at the front of the Sanctuary.
Washrooms are found in the office foyer area through the right front doors of the Sanctuary.
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 given to a Greeter at the front door.

Talents Shared, thanks to:

Guest Preacher Rev. Norm Esdon Norm taught high school chemistry/science for 9 years. Then he went into the ministry, graduating from Emmanuel College, Toronto. He was ordained in 1980. He served a 4-point charge in New Brunswick for 5 years and a 2-point charge, Adolphustown-Conway near Napanee, for 16 years. He is currently retired and attends Sydenham Street United Church. Norm's writing and photographs have appeared on many United Church bulletins, and his poem/prayers have been published in several book collections of worship resources. He published a collection of these last Easter called, "Poems for God-Questers."

Cover Artist Barb Carr, *In the Garden*, paper collage
Greeters Susan Irving, Sheila Menard, Rosemary Thoms
Hospitality Diane Soule, Peter Goheen
Counters: Rosemary MacLachlan
Sermons Some copies of previous sermons are available online on both church websites.

- On March 25, 17 delighted students enjoyed an Easter-themed dinner, the final student supper of the year. An initiative of the Rev. Drew Strickland, Chalmers has hosted six suppers a year for several years, treating students to delicious home-cooked meals, thought-provoking talks, and opportunities for informal conversation with new and familiar friends. **Chalmers thanks all the volunteers** - you know who you are! - who have cooked enormous casseroles, created giant salads, baked fabulous cakes and cookies, roasted veggies and mashed potatoes, set up and prepare the tables, often with a seasonal theme, and of course, washed dishes. We all look forward to the first Student Dinner at the end of September!
- **SSUC Nominations Committee** - Lynn Freeman, Chair, is looking for a few volunteers to help her canvas congregational members over the next two months to fill volunteer vacancies on SSUC committees for the next church year, beginning July 1. Becoming a member of the SSUC executive or another committee is a great opportunity to support programs and activities within and beyond our congregation to the broader local and global communities. If you would like to join or are seeking information on opportunities to share your time and talent in our church life, please contact Lynn Freeman 613 544-9703.
- **Bay of Quinte Conference** Annual Meeting is being hosted by Four Winds Presbytery on April 26th, 27th and 28th. Would you be willing to open your home to the possibility of billeting an individual on any of these days? If so, please email Doris Thomas at <secretary@fourwindspresbytery.org>.

Coming Up

Tuesday, April 3

- **12 pm: Book Group** will meet today, Chalmers' Church House.
- **6 - 7:30 pm: Brownies** will gather in Chalmers' MacCallum Hall

Thursday, April 5

- **Noon: Weekly Lunch** will take place in Chalmers' MacCallum Hall. All welcome. \$7. Please contact Jane MacEwen 613-546-3905 if you have not yet attended.
- **1:30 pm: Centering Prayer Circle** at Chalmers' Church House. Join with others in the practice of the presence of God for clarity of mind, discernment of action, wisdom in decisions and guidance for our path.
- **7:15 pm: Joint Choir Rehearsal** will take place at Sydenham St in the upper hall.

Tuesday, April 10

- **11:30 am: Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** will be at Mino's Village Restaurant, 1762 Princess St. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Chris Simpson, Past President of the Canadian Medical Association. **PLEASE NOTE** the new title of his talk is: *Why Canada needs a National Seniors Strategy*. Everyone from Sydenham St. and Chalmers is invited to attend. Individuals on call lists will be contacted by team captains. Others wishing to attend and/or to have their name added to our call list, contact Meikle Turner before 5 pm Sun. Apr. 8 at 613-542-7744 or <meikle_irish@yahoo.com> to ensure adequate accommodation can be arranged at Mino's. Cost for the luncheon, incl. tax & gratuity, is \$22 per person (a \$20 bill plus a toonie, please).
- **7 pm: Chalmers' Coordinating Council of Elders (CCE)** will meet in MacCallum Hall. **Please note the time change.**

Saturday, April 14

- **9:30 am – 4 pm: Sharing a Path of Reconciliation:** a day long workshop featuring MP Charlie Angus, Indigenous Affairs Critic and author. He will speak about educational inequities for indigenous children and the status of Bill C-262. Glenburnie United Church 1028 Unity Rd. Traditional Indigenous meal included. \$15 admission. Register by Apr 6. Contact Karen 613-264-9273 or mkhunt@ripnet.com

Sunday, April 15

- **Reconsidering what it means to be church** is the subject of a three-part discussion series, facilitated by Rev. Norm Esdon and Rev. Dr. Wayne Hilliker, starting Sun. April 15th and continuing on Sun. May 6th and 27th. This series is supported by Chalmers' Christian Education and Faith Development Committee and Sydenham Street's *'Engaging the Spirit Circle'*. Each session will run from 12pm to approx.. 1:30pm. The discussions will draw upon the work of Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers, a sought after international speaker who has become a provocative voice on what it takes for congregations to engage with contemporary society. As well as being the senior minister of Mayflower Congregational United Church of Christ in Oklahoma City, he is a professor of social justice and a prolific author. Dr. Meyers will be in Kingston on the last weekend in September as the 2018 Hilliker Preaching Lectureship Speaker. 20 copies of his best-selling book, *"Saving Jesus from the Church,"* will be available for purchase or loan. For further info. see Norm, Wayne or Lynn Freeman 613- 544-9703.

Sept. 2018: Special HPL Weekend Event with Dr. Robin R. Meyers!!

- Come and hear Dr. Meyers, the 2018 Hilliker Preaching Lectureship speaker, explore why he feels there is a 'GOD CRISIS' in the Church today. He will give two free public lectures at Chalmers Saturday morning Sept 29th on Sunday, Dr. Meyers will be the Guest Preacher at our joint service of worship. More detailed information about this HPL event will be available shortly.

Moving Forward

- **Bulletin Announcements:** if you have announcements for the church bulletin, please send them to <chalmers.sydenham@kos.net> by end of day Monday for inclusion the following Sunday.
- **The Joint Worship Committee** continues to seek one minister for full-time supply and engage guest preachers/speakers in the interim.
- **Worship schedule:** at Sydenham Street
Apr 8: Rev Brian Yealland
Apr 22: TBA
Apr 15: Ruth Bryce
Apr 29: Welsh Festival

Worshipping  Sundays Together
At Sydenham Street in April
At Chalmers in May

Community Pastoral Caring

- Sydenham St. UC:** For pastoral care in the month of April please contact Marylil Megginson <marylil@kos.net> 613-544-9420.
- Chalmers UC:** Please refer persons in hospital or care facility, ill at home or needing contact to the office 613 546-3263 ext. 222. In addition, Rev. Nancy Clarke has agreed to respond to pastoral care situations for Chalmers upon referral from the Pastoral Care Committee.
- Flowers:** If you wish to donate flowers (tax receiptable) for placement either at Sydenham St. or Chalmers, please contact Isabel McLeod, 613-546-2809. Flowers are then delivered to members who are ill.

 Following an 80 year tradition, the flowers in the Chancel today are dedicated to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of
Frederick Gibson **Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Gibson**
Dr. & Mrs. Frederick Cays **Mrs. Carol Davidson**
and Phyllis & Dick Bray
They are placed there by Margaret Gibson, Sarah Gibson-Bray, Carl Bray, John and Kimberly Gibson, and Matthew Gibson.

Shared Worship

Sydenham Street United Church as an Affirming Congregation seeks to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity, informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible, and discerning the call of the Trinity as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life. Indigenous land acknowledgement as stated on the front cover of bulletin.

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Chalmers United Church is a community of God's people who embrace Christian tradition and encourage new ideas. We gather to: Celebrate God's love; Search and be challenged; Nurture and be nurtured. We seek to: Welcome all who come; engage all ages in Ministry; be guided by faith in daily life; and be a compassionate, hopeful presence in the world. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. (1997)

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