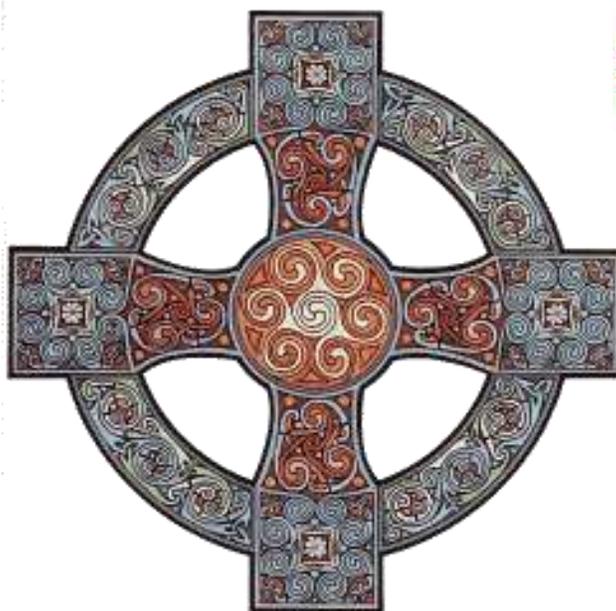


Chalmers and Sydenham Street



Sharing Worship

United Churches of Canada

10:30 am March 11, 2018 Lent 4

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Children are invited to meet with Hope Yen and Bruce Elliott for Christian stories and activities. Please meet in the MacCallum Hall foyer when prompted.

Washrooms are found in the Clergy St foyer.

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 in gratitude on the shared territory of the *Anishinaabeg* and
Haudenosonee Peoples, as they continue to share their land with us.

Gathered by the Word

Amazing Grace

Robyn Elliott, Bagpipes

PRELUDE

Flute Choir

Agnus Dei from *Messe de Requiem* - Gabriel Fauré, arr. David Heywood
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give us eternal rest.
Lord, give us eternal rest and light.

WELCOME

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

stand **MV 12** *Come Touch Our Hearts*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107: 1-3

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.**
- 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble**
- 3 and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH (*in unison*)

**God of Comfort and God of Challenge,
We come to this place on this day to worship you
even as we are loaded down with our busyness
and our complaints. Help us to slow down and to unload
so that we can fully enter this hour with you
and with each other.
In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen**

Children are invited to leave for their activities.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient God, we turn to you on this Lenten journey and
acknowledge that we don't always listen to you. We
sometimes resist change that is good and sometimes we try
to change things that are better left as they are. In the midst
of all this, we fail to see the big picture and address those
things that are really important and sometimes we lack the
courage to address injustices. We ask your forgiveness, God,
and seek your grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based on Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

**God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.**

**Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as God did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that God will make all things right
if I surrender to God's Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with God forever in the next.**

Listening for the Word

seated

Numbers 21: 4 - 9

Norm Esdon

Ephesians 2: 1 – 10

John 3: 14 - 21

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!

ANTHEM

Sisi ni moja (We are one) - Jacob Narverud

We all laugh, we all cry, we all feel hunger, we all feel pain.
We all love, we all hate, we all hope, and we all dream.
We are one world, one people. And we all breathe the same.
A tribe of many languages, a group of many heartaches,
working for peace throughout the lands.
Heja, heja, sisi ni moja. Heja, heja, we are one.

We all want, we all need, we all seek passion, we all seek joy.
We all bruise, we all scar, we all fail, but learn to thrive.
We are one world, one people. And we all breathe the same.
In the darkness of the night and in the glory of the morning,
we walk along the path and find our way.
Now we stand here tighter and lift our hearts in song
to the rhythm of this moment in our lives:
Heja, heja, sisi ni moja. Heja, heja, we are one.

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stand **VU 266** *Amazing Grace*

SERMON

The Healing Grace of God

Dr. Deborah Elliott

Responding to the Word

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Flute Choir

Aria, Zion hört die Wächter singen from *Cantata BWV 140* - J.S. Bach

arr. Bruce Behnke

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

stand **VU 149, ver. 4**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

VU 921

Going Out with the Word

stand **VU 109** *Now Quit Your Care*

COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

stand **VU 424, verse 1** *May the God of Hope Go With Us*

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Flute Choir

Spiritual, arr. Phyllis Avidan Leuko

Every time I feel the Spirit moving
in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving
in my heart I will pray.
Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track;
it runs to heaven and then right back.

Talents Shared, thanks to:

- Guest Preacher** Dr. Deborah Elliott, is a psychiatrist who currently is working at Mental Health Services at the Kingston military base. She received a Masters in Theological Studies from Queen's University in 2015. She also serves as a member-at-large on the executive of Four Winds Presbytery.
- Liturgist** Marylil Megginson, is a retired staff associate and is a presbytery representative from Sydenham St United.
- Piper** Robyn Elliott
- Flute Choir** Susan Cohen, Bill Egnatoff, Heather Faris, Karina Gerhardt-Strachan, Katie Henderson, Heidi Picken, Danniella Waller, Hope Yen; Joan Egnatoff, pianist
- Greeters** Norm Esdon
- Hospitality** Hassen Butler and Mary Stewart Ross
- Counter** Marilyn Boston
- Sound Tech** Dan Bergeron
- Sermons** Hard copies of previous sermons are available at the back of the Chalmers' Sanctuary, as well as electronically online on both church websites.

Joint Worship Committee of Chalmers & Sydenham St United

Lynn Freeman, Katie Henderson, Faye Irving, Sue Irving, Mary LeRoy, Jean MacLean, Victoria Ruthven, Katharine Smithrim, Rosemary Thoms, Eileen Woloshyn

Worshipping  Sundays Together
Sydenham Street joins with Chalmers in March
Chalmers joins with Sydenham Street in April

Today

- **Please consider this your invitation** to join other Chalmers representatives on the Joint Worship Committee. We have room for one more member – contribute your ideas and vitality as we plan worship that will be meaningful and spirit filled. See Susan Irving <sushe@sympatico.ca> to learn more about this important group.
- **Bay of Quinte Conference** Annual Meeting is being hosted by Four Winds Presbytery on April 26th, 27th and 28th 2018. 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@fourwinds-presbytery.org.
- **Called by Name: Sydenham St and Chalmers folks** are encouraged to wear their name tags at this time of introduction.

Coming Up

Tuesday, March 13

- **Noon: Book Discussion Group** will resume today.
- **11:30 am:** The next luncheon meeting of our **Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** will take place at Mino's Village Restaurant, 1762 Princess St. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Chris Alfano. The title of his talk is *Seniors' Participation in an Intergenerational Music Learning Program*. 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, please contact Gerald McGrath at 613-549-7706 or mcgrathg@queensu.ca *before 5 pm on Sunday, Mar. 11*. This is to ensure that adequate accommodation can be arranged at Mino's. The cost for the luncheon, including tax & gratuity, is \$22. per person
- **6 - 7:30 pm: Brownies** will gather upstairs in the Round Room
- **7 pm: CCE meets** in MacCallum Hall.

Thursday, March 15

- **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** at Chalmers UC in MacCallum Hall.

Monday, March 19

- **12 pm: The monthly Just Lunch** will be at the River Mill Restaurant, 2 Catarqui St. From downtown Kingston travel out Rideau St. and turn down Catarqui St. by the old Broom Factory building. Drive towards the river & park opposite the restaurant. It is near the Canoe Club. Gatherings are open to all members and friends of both our congregations. Participants pay as couples or individuals. Pre-registration is required, by Sunday evening Mar 18th. Please contact Sylvia Mann <kmann30@cogeco.ca> or 613-531-9479.

Saturday, March 24

- **The Great Bach Marathon** takes place 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Chalmers United Church. Anyone who would like to perform or listen to works of Bach is welcome. There is no fee and any donations taken at the door will be given to Systema Kingston, a music program for inner city children. Juliet Milsome and Marion Holobow as well as the flute choir with William Egnatoff will be performing.

Friday March 30

- **10:30 am: Joint Good Friday Service** at St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Community Pastoral Caring

Sydenham St. UC: For pastoral care in the month of March 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.

Flowers in the Sanctuary have been placed in loving memory of Harry Malcolm Stewart and Tracy Victoria (Stewart) Brake Dec. 7, 1933 - June 16, 2017 Dec. 28, 1968 - Feb. 27, 2004
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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 Chalmers: **March 18** - Sister Pauline Lally
Mar 25: Rev. Ruth Wood **Apr 1:** Rev. Norm Esdon, at Sydenham St

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Shared Worship

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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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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