

Chalmers and Sydenham Street



Sharing Worship

United Churches of Canada

10:30 am March 18, 2018 Lent 5

Services in March are at Chalmers United, 212 Barrie St

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 *Anishinaabe* and
Haudenosaunee Peoples, as they continue to share their land with us.

Gathered by the Word

PRELUDE

Child of the Universe - Craig Cassils

WELCOME

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

stand **VU 121** *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*

CALL TO WORSHIP

 Psalm 51: ver. 10,11, 12

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence;
and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit.

INTROIT

seated *Hitotsubu no* (When a grain of wheat) MV 125

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Poor Always? – God Forgive Us - inspired by John 20:1-8
by Norm SD Esdon, "Pages for God-Questers," p.39

*O Holy Considerate One, we fail to consider
that the money we give may be a measure
not of how much we care, but of how much
**we want to avoid feeling guilty;
we want a credit for charity;
we want not to be involved.***

*We fail to consider that the poor are starving
for our consideration and our care —
**for the self-giving care you embodied
in the Christ — the self-giving
worth the expense of costly perfume —
the expense of social welfare:
home care, health care, day care,
and more affordable housing.***

Through your wisdom-made-human, we hear
**"You always have the poor with you
because you don't always show in you
the Christ's self-giving care."**

*Move us, Wisely Caring One, to give
the self-giving care of the Christ in us —
**care-giving worth even more than
the expense of costly perfume. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children are invited to leave for their activities.

Listening for the Word

seated

Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34

Jack Soule

Hebrews 5: 5 – 10

John 12: 2 - 33

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 394** *Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move*

Tune: VU 185

Justice and/or Charity: Is there a Difference?

Sister Pauline Lally

ANTHEM

I Hear the Stars Still Singing - J. Michael Saunders

I hear the stars still singing to the beautiful, silent night,
they speed with noiseless winging their ever westward flight.

I hear the waves still falling on the stretch of lonely shore,
but the sound of a sweet voice calling I shall hear, alas! no more.

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Responding to the Word

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Heart Would - David Melhorn-Boe

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 183** *We Meet You, O Christ*

Tune VU 235

COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

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

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Aura

David Melhorn-Boe

(incorporating the hymn tune *Alleluia* by Samuel Wesley)

Talents Shared, thanks to:

- Guest Preacher** Sister Pauline Lally, S.P., is a Sister of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul. Her background is education, facilitation and leadership. Her passion is justice. Sister Pauline has been active in the "Save the Prison Farms Campaign" since its beginning, as well as the co-founder of PeaceQuest, which is an open, public and non-partisan peace movement started in 2013.
- Co-Liturgist** James Leake
- Greeters** Lynn and Russ Freeman, Jack Soule, Mary Ev Wyatt
- Hospitality** Marilyn Braden
- Counter** Jean Sills
- Sound Tech** Brigitta Holzschuh
- 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, Susan Irving, Mary LeRoy, Jean MacLean, Victoria Ruthven, Katharine Smithrim, Rosemary Thoms, Eileen Woloshyn

Worshipping  Sundays Together
Sydenham Street joins with Chalmers in March
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Today

- **Lily's Place is needing toys & games** for children of all ages. Please bring toys or games in good condition. There will be a box at the back of Chalmers Sanctuary for Donations. Donations can also be taken to Church House. Thanks for your support. The Chalmers Outreach Committee.
- **SSUC Nominations Committee** - As chair of the SSUC Nominating Committee, Lynn Freeman 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, 2018. 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).
- **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@fourwindspresbytery.org.
- **Called by Name: Sydenham St and Chalmers folks** are encouraged to wear their name tags at this time of introduction.

Coming Up

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.

Tuesday, March 20

- **Noon: Book Discussion Group** will meet today.
- **6 - 7:30 pm: Brownies** will gather in MacCallum Hall

Thursday, March 22

- **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.

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.

Sunday, March 25

- **5 pm: The final Student Supper** until next Fall will be held in MacCallum Hall. There will be an Easter theme – all students are welcome.

Monday, March 26 to Saturday, March 31 (inclusive)

- **6 - 6:45 pm: Be Still and Know, Music for Meditation and Reflection** During Holy Week, join others in quiet meditation in the Chalmers sanctuary between 6-6:45 p.m. The Christ Candle will shine in the dimly lit space. Stay as long as you wish, while Margaret Moncrieff and David Melhorn-Boe offer reflective music.

Friday, March 30

- **10:30 am: Combined Good Friday Service** will once again be joined together (Lutheran, Presbyterian and United congregations) to remember the love of God for us known at the cross. The theme this year is "Singing the Passion" with reflections on favourite hymns and a combined choir. A light lunch of homemade soup will also be available. St. Andrew's Presbyterian at the corner of Princess and Clergy Sts. (Please note, since it is a statutory holiday, parking on the street is free, time-of-day restrictions not in effect north of Queen St. **We have been asked to provide** soup for 24 people and hot cross buns for 100 for the Good Friday service. Please speak to Jim and Beth Leake at coffee hour if you can make a contribution.

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 before April 6. Contact Karen 613-264-9273 or mkhunt@ripnet.com

Community Pastoral Caring

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.

Sydenham St. UC: For pastoral care in the month of March please contact Marylil Megginson <marylil@kos.net> 613-544-9420.

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
Norma and Claire Horton
and
Freda and Bill Fletcher
From Barb and Al

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.
- **Greeters and Readers:** Occasional greeters or scripture readers for Sydenham St or Chalmers, are invited to contact either Susan Irving 613-544-3110 or Michael Purcell 613-453-1260
- **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
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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Church House Office: Monday to Thursday 9:30 am to 4 pm

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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