

Chalmers and Sydenham Street



Sharing Worship

United Churches of Canada

10:30 am

May 13, 2018

Easter 7

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Children are invited to meet with Hope and Joy Yen and Bruce Elliott for Christian stories and activities. Please meet in 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 will be included in the Prayers.

Called by Name Sydenham St and Chalmers folks are encouraged to wear their name tags at this time of introduction.

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Selections from *Scenes from Childhood* - Robert Schumann
From Foreign Lands and Peoples
A Curious Story
Entreating Child
Perfect Happiness
An Important Event
Frightening
Child Falling Asleep

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

stand **MV 21** *Open Our Hearts*

GATHERING PRAYER

One: As we gather together in community
All: **May we open our hearts and minds**
One: As we listen, pray and sing
All: **May we engage our hearts and minds**
One: As we sit in this sacred space
All: **May we know our hearts and minds**

stand **VU 226** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

PRAYER OF THE HEART

Let us bring our hearts and minds to prayer.
Each of us was born of a woman, our mother.
Each of us was born on this planet: our Mother Earth.
As the leaves unfurl on the trees,
as the eagles and herons build their nests in the sky,
as the hepaticas, spring beauties and trilliums fill the woods,
may we stop and notice all the beauty of the earth.
May we see anew the beauty in children, in young people, in
middle aged and old people inside and outside our family and offer
up our gratitude.
And on this Sunday in May, long known as Mother's Day,
may we come to this sacred hour as loving children to a mother,
seeking solace, restoration and courage.

ANTHEM

Who Is She That Ascendeth - Healey Willan
Who is she that ascendeth as the dawning of the morning,
fair as the moon, resplendent as the sun,
and terrible as an army with banners.
I am come into my garden, my spouse, my sister,
I sleep, but my heart waketh.
It is the voice of my beloved.
Words from the Antiphons of the Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary

WORD

READINGS

Matthew 18: 1-5

James Beyer

Selected writings about children by Nelson Mandela

Eileen Woloshyn and James Beyer

Children are invited to leave for their activities.

stand **VU 644** *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

SERMON

Is Better Behaved and Slightly Nicer Enough?

Rev. Dr. Valerie Michaelson

stand **VU 443** *God, We Pray at This Beginning*

THANKSGIVING

MY MOTHER ALWAYS SAID...

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

With this offering, we present also ourselves:

all that we have been,

all that we are,

and all that we shall become.

OFFERTORY

Dreaming (from Scenes from Childhood) - Robert Schumann

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Katharine Smithrim

stand **VU 295** *The Earth and All Who Breathe*

BENEDICTION

Amen! (3x's)

POSTLUDE

The Poet Speaks (from Scenes from Childhood) - Robert Schumann

TALENTS SHARED, THANKS TO:

Guest Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Val Michaelson

The Reverend Dr. Valerie Michaelson is a postdoctoral fellow at Queen's, cross appointed in the School of Religion and the Department of Public Health Sciences. One strand of her research focuses on the lived experiences of the religious/spiritual lives of children, and the relationship between religiosity/spirituality and mental health. Another strand focuses on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 6 and is profiled <http://www.childhealth2.com/> She is an ordained Anglican priest and all of her church-based work involves helping Christian churches re-imagine their roles in the supporting, nurturing and learning from children today.

Joint Worship Committee of Chalmers & Sydenham St United

Bill Egnatoff, Lynn Freeman, Faye Irving, Mary LeRoy,
Victoria Ruthven, Rosemary Thoms, Eileen Woloshyn

Greeters Jack Soule, Kenn Doerksen

Hospitality Mary-Stewart Ross, Hassen Butler, Rosalie Armstrong

Sound Tech Brigitta Holzschuh

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TODAY

- **Today during coffee hour, please join us to say *thank you* to Joy and Hope Yen** who have shared their many talents and leadership in our children's program at CUC and SSUC. Both Hope and Joy will be off to new horizons in the coming year.
- **Please make donations of toiletries for the Tuesday morning recipients of the Chalmers' Benevolent Fund. We are completely out.** We would welcome such items as: shampoos, hand soaps, tooth pastes, tooth brushes, hand lotions, unisex socks, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, and men's and women's deodorants. Your contributions may be dropped off at 212 Barrie Street (Church House) Monday to Thursday between 10 and 4, or you may leave them on Sundays at the back of Chalmers Church sanctuary during the month of May. Thank you for your help!!
- **Name Tags: Please take note.** There are new Chalmers name tags at the back of the Sanctuary. If you have an old one, please leave it in the basket so it can be repurposed. If your name is missing please call the office and let us know, 613-546-3263 ext. 222. Thank you to the volunteers who helped get the job done! Jean Sills, Jan Trites, Rosalie Armstrong, Monika Holzschuh and Heather Faris who facilitated gathering names, filling tags, tying strings, sorting and alphabetizing. We now have two sets of name tags, one set can remain at Chalmers and the other can remain at Sydenham St. They will no longer have to be carried back and forth.
- **Circles of Companionship at Chalmers:** This valuable program needs a Co-ordinator. Are you able to keep in touch with the point people for each area, assist new people join an appropriate circle, and pass concerns on to our Pastoral Care Staff? Please call Joan Simeon 613-545-1099 or Marilyn Perry 613-548-8462 for more information.
- **Books needed for the Book Table at Chalmers.** A great inexpensive source (\$1) of reading materials for those who avail themselves of the opportunity. Unfortunately, the selection has become limited. If you have good novels you could donate, your contribution would be much appreciated. Donations go towards Chalmers General Fund. Thank you!

COMING UP

Tuesday, May 15

- **12 pm: Book Group** is ceased until September.
- **6 - 7:30 pm: Brownies** will gather upstairs in the Chalmers' Sunday School rooms.

Thursday, May 17

- **Noon: Weekly Lunch** in Chalmers' MacCallum Hall. All welcome. \$7. Please call Jane MacEwen 613-546-3905 if you would to attend, but are not yet on our call list.
- **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:** Chalmers United in MacCallum Hall.

Sunday, May 20

- **To mark the inauguration and the new media launch** at Chalmers, Rev. Dr. Stanford Lucyk will be making a tripartite presentation on the life and paintings of Ukrainian/Canadian artist, William Kurelek

Thursday, May 24

- **1pm: Planting Day (rain date May 25th @ 10am) Attention Gardeners!!** The SSUC Community Garden Small Group is gearing up for the 2018 growing season, with a Planting Day. We had a great team last year -- contributing 170 lbs. of produce to the Loving Spoonful 'Grow a Row' initiative. This year, we hope to improve upon that amount and, to that end, work has already begun in the garden on the front lawn of SSUC. If you enjoy gardening and/or the idea of helping to provide fresh produce to a worthwhile community initiative – please join us! For further information, contact Donna Delyea at <delyead@live.com>.

Sunday, May 27

- **Noon: The final session of *Reconsidering what it means to be church***, with a focus on "If the church were Christian, inviting questions would be more valued than supplying answers," facilitated by Rev. Norm Esdon and Rev. Dr. Wayne Hilliker. Please feel free to bring a "bag" lunch with you to the session. *All are welcome for this final session* in MacCallum Hall. For further info. see Norm, Wayne or Lynn Freeman 613- 544-9703.

Tuesday, May 29

- **11am – 1pm: Prayer Shawl Group for knitters and crocheters** in the Sydenham Street United Church upper kitchen. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting etc. along with a bag lunch...tea will be provided. **Everyone is welcome!** For further information please contact by email <sdoerksenca@yahoo.ca> or phone 613-766-3254.

Sunday, June 3

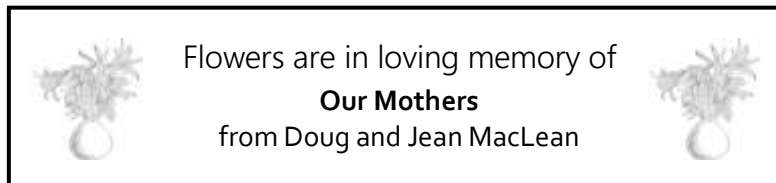
- **Chalmers' Annual General Meeting and Lunch:** After worship in the Sydenham St building, come back to MacCallum Hall in Chalmers for lunch, followed by our Annual General Meeting. Hear the latest news. Talk about plans for next year. Put it on your calendar.

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, the 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 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.



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 United:

May 20: Launch of projection system

May 27: Rev. Dr. Valerie Michaelson



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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