

Chalmers and Sydenham Street



Sharing Worship

United Churches of Canada

10:30 am May 27, 2018 Trinity Sunday

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Children are invited to meet with Bruce Elliott and Robyn Houlden 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 Juliet Milsome, Marian Holobow

Sheep May Safely Graze - J. S. Bach, arr. Henry Geehl
In Thy Love Let Us Perish

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

God Weeps MV 78, verses 1 and 4

GATHERING PRAYER

All: We gather in community to give and receive gifts of deep emotion, deep wisdom, and deep love.
With gratitude we gather to seek transformation and to celebrate the power of the spirit which is always moving.

stand VU 265 *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace*

PRAYER OF THE HEART

One: Spirit of Life

All: Fill and renew us as we greet this springtime.

One: Spirit of love

All: Touch us and, through us, others.

One: Spirit of power

All: Stir our hearts afresh to pursue justice and to enact compassion.

One: Spirit of Creativity

All: Enable and empower our gifts so that they may be shared.

One: Spirit of Eternity

Draw us deeper into The Mystery that we call God. Amen

ANTHEM

Within the Circles of Our Lives - Giselle Wyers

Within the circles of our lives we dance the circles of the years,
the circles of the seasons within the circles of the years,
the cycles of the moon within the circles of the seasons,
the circles of our reasons within the cycles of the moon.
Again, again we come and go, changed, changing.
Hands join, union in love and fear, grief and joy.
The circles turn, each giving into each, into all.
Only music keeps us here, each by all the others held.
In the hold of hands and eyes we turn in pairs,
that joining, joining each to all again.
And then we turn aside, alone, out of the sunlight gone
into the darker circles of return.

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WORD

READINGS

Matthew 25: 31-46

Susan Irving

Second Reading

Bill Egnatoff

If a child doesn't know how to swim

We teach

If a child doesn't know how to read

We teach.

If a child doesn't know how to multiply

We teach.

If a child doesn't know how to behave,

Do we teach? Or punish?

Tom Herner, former president of the National Association
of State Directors of Special Education (NASDE).

Children are invited to leave for their activities.

stand **MV 143** *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Valerie Michaelson

Putting Children In their Place

stand **VU 648** *For the Healing of the Nations*

THANKSGIVING

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

piano duet

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring - J. S. Bach, arr. Henry Geehl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(responsive)*

Susan Irving

One: Let us give thanks for the children everywhere, entrusted by the
Creator to our care and protection. We give thanks for their
inherent dignity and for the gifts they bring to our society.

All: **We give thanks for those who protect children.**
We give thanks for those who listen to children
and learn from them.
We give thanks for those who work to uphold children's rights.
We give thanks for those who care for children and help them to
understand their value.
We give thanks for those who help children who have suffered
from acts of violence.
We give thanks for those who model non-violent ways to
resolve conflict.

One: And we remember with sadness the many children who have
suffered violence around the world, in their homes and at the
hands of those who profess to serve God in churches and religious

communities, including in the Church run Indian Residential Schools.

All: May we forgive and be forgiven. And may we move from this place, empowered to work in loving partnership with one another - to create a world where all are loved and all are safe. Amen

OUR WORK AND WITNESS

stand **VU 713** *I See a New Heaven*

BENEDICTION

**All: Go into the world:
Dance, laugh, sing, and create.
Go into the world:
Risk, explore, and discover.
Go into the world:
Believe, hope, struggle, and remember. Amen! (3x's)**

POSTLUDE

piano duet

St. Anthony Chorale - F. J. Haydn, harm. J. Brahms

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

Piano Duet Juliet Milsome, Marian Holobow
Greeters Susan Irving, Kenn Doerksen
Hospitality Charmaine Puszkas and Outreach Committee
Sound Tech Matthias Melhorn-Boe
Counter Joyce Holden

TODAY

- **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.
- **Sunday Evening Services at Chalmers:** Beginning Sunday, June 3rd, there will be an evening service at 7pm every Sunday in the Chalmers Sanctuary. These services will focus on Christian Reflection and Music. They will last about 45 minutes. We encourage participation, ideas and musical offerings from everyone in the Chalmers and SSUC congregations. The format may evolve over time depending upon feedback from those interested. If you have suggestions or musical gifts to offer, please contact Mary-Stewart Ross at 613-384-0952 or <marystewartross@gmail.com>
- **Donations of toiletries are urgently needed for the Chalmers’ Benevolent Fund.** (shampoos, hand soaps, tooth pastes, tooth brushes, hand lotions, unisex socks, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, deodorants). Contributions may be dropped off at Church House Mon-Thurs or left at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks.
- **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.
- **Chalmers is in need of a Co-ordinator for Circles of Companionship:** This valuable program needs a Co-ordinator 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
- **SSUC’s Social Justice and Outreach Committee seeks a volunteer Church Coordinator for the Helen Tufts Child Outreach Program (HTCOP).** The program provides assistance with academic and social skills to about 35 school-aged children from under serviced Kingston families. All other elements are in place for the October start, including: Queen’s student leaders; financing; family liaison person; and Frontier College’s expertise in recruiting and training the university student mentors for the children. If you think you might be the person to help in this way and would like to find out more, please contact Jim Leake at 613-544-2838, or <james.leake@sympatico.ca>.
- **Books needed for the Book Table at Chalmers.** If you have good novels you could donate, your contribution would be much appreciated. Donations go towards Chalmers General Fund.

COMING UP

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 more info please contact by email <sdoerksenca@yahoo.ca> or phone 613-766-3254.
- **12 pm: Book Group** will resume in September.
- **5:30 - 7:30 pm: Brownies** will gather upstairs in the Chalmers' MacCallum Hall

Thursday, May 31

- **Noon: Weekly Lunch** in Chalmers' MacCallum Hall. All welcome. \$7. Please call Jane MacEwen 613-546-3905 if you would like to attend but are not yet on our call list. This is the last lunch until the Fall.
- **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 SSUC.

Sunday, June 3

- **Chalmers Annual General Meeting:** After worship at Sydenham St., come back to Chalmers to MacCallum Hall for the meeting and lunch. In addition to the 2017 Auditors' Review, the Annual Report and Nominations for CCE, the Presbytery Commission Report will be presented and discussed.
- **SSUC Soup Lunch:** Social Justice and Outreach Committee will host a soup lunch following service. All are welcome and a \$6 voluntary donation will go to the SSUC Benevolent Fund. We would also welcome donations of 'squares' or cookies for dessert. Please let Peter Goheen (548-7033) or Mary Reid (329-8897) know if you wish to help with dessert.

Tuesday, June 12

- **5:30 – 7:30 pm:** Brownies will meet upstairs in the Sunday School
- **7 pm: CCE will meet** in MacCallum Hall.

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. The Rev. Nancy Clarke will 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.

Flowers are in loving memory of

Patrick McKay

from his grandparents, Rosalie and David Spooner

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

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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Worshipping  Sundays Together
at Sydenham Street in June and at Chalmers in July