

Chalmers and Sydenham Street



Sharing Worship

United Churches of Canada

10:30 am

May 6, 2018

Easter 6

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Children are invited to meet with Hope Yen and a volunteer 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 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

Klokkeklang (Ringing Bells) - Edvard Grieg

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Mystery, Wholly Love-
Your extravagant generosity
evident in the beauty and bounty of Creation
Evokes our gratitude.

Your welcoming Presence
whenever, wherever we gather
Invites our praise.

Your life-changing, life-giving compassion
reaching into our midst and out to the world
Inspires our transformation.

We gather here now
**to share our thanks, offer our praise
and proclaim our trust.
Let us worship together!**

stand **MV 145** *Deep in Our Hearts*

Children are invited to leave for their activities.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Risen Christ, How glad and grateful we are to be in the presence
of you and one another once again!**

**Where would we be without you as our companion on this
journey of life? How could we navigate the challenges and
embrace the opportunities each day presents without your
wisdom and truth? Your faithful friendship strengthens us,
comforts us, reassures and revitalizes us.**

You show us what it means to be a true friend.

**Bless us that we may become what we see and experience in
you. Amen**

INTROIT

Christ within Us Hidden (MV 162)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Beloved Friend – as we reflect on what has been happening in
our lives and in the world, we realize how often we look away
from those who have been rejected or forgotten while you move
toward them; we hold back from those in pain while you reach
out; we clutch tightly while you give away; we offer pity to
those in need while you embrace them in love. Forgive us, we
pray, and free us from all that holds us back from living your
vision of who you have created and continue to call us to be.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

WORD

May our minds and hearts 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**

READINGS

Rev. Dr. C. Wayne Hilliker

stand **VU 818** Psalm 98, *responsive Refrain 1*
John 15: 9-17
Mark 3: 31-35

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

My Faith, My Hope - Gwyneth Walker

SERMON

Being Friend / BeFriending Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald

THANKSGIVING

stand **VU 603** *In Loving Partnership We Come*

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Alleluia - Hubert Bird

DEDICATION

seated **VU 544** *In Gratitude and Humble Trust*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

seated **VU 959** *Lord's Prayer (sung)*

stand **VU 477** *I Come with Joy, verses 1, 3, 4 and 5*

BENEDICTION

VU 602

**This glorious hope revives our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love in God's eternal day.**

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Les carillons (The Bells) - J. P. Kimberger

TALENTS SHARED, THANKS TO:

Unison prayers printed in the order of service, have been inspired by and adapted from *Fragments of Your Ancient Name* by Joyce Rupp.

Guest Preacher is the Reverend Elizabeth Macdonald, former minister of Sydenham Street United Church, now retired and spending time doing interviews for the Seniors Association weekly radio program, "Time of Your Life"; planning and participating in Interfaith initiatives, promoting Basic Income Guarantee and worshipping at Faith United Church, where her partner, the Reverend Doctor Nan Hudson is serving as minister.

Joint Worship Committee of Chalmers & Sydenham St United

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

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TODAY

- **Noon: We continue our three-part exploration, *Reconsidering what it means to be church***, facilitated by Rev. Norm Esdon and Rev. Dr. Wayne Hilliker. With 30 attending the first discussion, we propose to have the opening plenary session, followed by smaller group discussions all in Church House. This week's discussion will focus on the statement, "If the church were Christian, Jesus would be a model for living, rather than an object of worship." This was the overwhelming choice of group participants from the survey list of 10 topics. Please feel free to bring a "bag" lunch with you to the session. Please let Wayne know if you are looking for \$3.00 change from the purchase of the book on a previous occasion. A limited number of copies of Robin Meyers's book, "Saving Jesus from the Church," may be available for purchase or loan. The next session is scheduled on Sunday, May 27th, with a focus on "If the church were Christian, inviting questions would be more valued than supplying answers." *All are welcome to one or both remaining sessions.* . For further info. see Norm, Wayne or Lynn Freeman 613- 544-9703.
- **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.

- **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) between Monday to Thursday between 10 – 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!!
- **Loblaws \$25 Gift Cards:** The Women of Chalmers is spearheading a campaign to get members to donate the \$25 Loblaws card to the Benevolent Fund. If you have bought a loaf of bread at Loblaws between 2002 and 2015 and are 18 years or older you are eligible to apply for a card at www.LoblawCard.ca. The cards are sent to your address but they are not named and they can be donated to Chalmers or Sydenham Street. The office will have paper forms available for those who would prefer. Please consider this as a valuable use of the results of a court challenge on price fixing. Loblaws has mentioned that this initiative could help feed the hungry. Here is your opportunity!
- **Books needed for the Book Table at Chalmers.** A great inexpensive source (\$1) of reading materials for those who avail themselves for 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!
- **The Helen Tufts Child Outreach Program Needs a Volunteer Co-ordinator** If you think you could help in this way and would like to find out more, please contact Jim Leake, 613-544-2838, or <james.leake@sympatico.ca> or Janine Chown at 613-539-4450 or <jlchown@hotmail.com>.

COMING UP

Tuesday, May 8

- **11:30 am: The Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** will have the final meeting for 2017-18 at Mino's Village Restaurant, 1762 Princess St. with Rev. Brian Yealland as our leader, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In addition, there will be an opportunity to reflect on the past year's program and begin planning for next year. We want to encourage women from our congregations to join our Leadership Group as we choose topics and organize speakers for next year. Everyone is welcome! Individuals currently on call lists will be contacted by their team captains. Others wishing to attend and / or to have their name added to a call list, please contact Meikle Turner 613 542-7744 or <meikle_irish@yahoo.com> before 7pm on Sun. May 6 so that adequate accommodation can be arranged at Mino's. The cost for the luncheon, including tax & gratuity, is \$22. per person (a \$20 bill plus a toonie, please).
- **12 pm: Book Group** will meet today, Chalmers' Church House.
- **6 - 7:30 pm: Brownies** will gather upstairs in the Chalmers' Sunday School rooms.
- **7 pm: Coordinating Council of Elders (CCE) will meet in MacCallum Hall. All are welcome to attend.**

Thursday, May 10

- **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** at Chalmers United 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. 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.

Flowers are in loving memory of
Maurice, Laretta & Bob Galt and Tom & Ruth Burns
from Bill and Cathy Galt

Flowers are in loving memory of
Una Mary Beer & Edwin Charles Beer
from their daughter, Charlotte Beer.

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 13: Rev. Val Michaelson **May 20:** Launch of projection system

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

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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