

Sydenham Street and Chalmers Sharing Worship



Meaning of the six flag colours

Red - Life

Orange - Healing

Yellow - Sunlight

Green - Nature

Blue - Harmony

Purple - Spirit

United Churches of Canada

10:30 am

June 10, 2018

Services in June are at Sydenham Street United, 82 Sydenham St.

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Children are invited to meet for Christian stories and activities. Please meet when prompted at the front of the Sanctuary.

Washrooms are found in the office foyer area through the right front doors of the Sanctuary.

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 given to a Greeter at the front door.

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

GATHERING

(For hymns please stand in body or in spirit)

PRELUDE

Three in Blue (No. 1) - Ann Southam

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acknowledgement of the Land on which we gather
Moment for "Pride"

stand MV 1 Let Us Build a House

OPENING PRAYERS

One Creating God – God beyond Gender,

**All who makes no mistakes,
who surprises us always,
who molded the first person both male and female,
who loves all creation.**

One Help us love the diversity of your creation.

All Help us accept all varieties of gender in ourselves and in others.

One Help us celebrate those who are different from us

**All That we may learn to love each other as you love us,
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, both human and divine.**

One Creating God – God of Mercy

All as we have acknowledged the diversity in this amazing world - created in atoms and molecules - but with an underlying spirit of mystery, we must also admit that at times we have lost sight of the wonders of that diversity. We have longed for things to be familiar and as they have always been. We know that the great religious traditions have in the past and, still in the present, continue to cause harm and pain to those who express their being in ways different than the majority. We know, too, that we individually, both intentionally and unintentionally, have rejected and shunned those who are not like us. For this we are truly sorry and ask your patience as we learn and strive for ways to be more inclusive and celebrating of all in this wondrous world. Amen.

First Opening Prayer is used with permission of Rev. Cindy Bourgeois, Wesley United Church in Regina SK

We are assured in the scriptures that:

Psalm 139

" If we take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there God's hand shall lead us,
And God's right hand shall hold us fast."

ANTHEM

Make Our Church One Joyful Choir - Eleanor Daley

Children are invited to leave for their activities.

LISTENING FOR WISDOM

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

MV 10, verse 1

Acts 15 selected verses

REFLECTING

Introduction to Reflection Time

stand VU 371 Open My Eyes, That I May See

PRIDE STORIES

Rainbow Sabbath

Mandy Green

seated

Lighting of candle

All

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling creation that we are one.**

MV 154

Inclusive Marriage Susan Irving, Sheila Menard

Lighting of candle

All

Deep in our hearts there is

MV 154

Pride Parade

Barb Landon

Lighting of candle

All

Deep in our hearts there is

MV 154

RESPONDING

GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS DURING THE OFFERTORY

Shades of Blue; Bright Orange (from Sketches in Colour) - Robert Starer

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

stand VU 538 For the Gift of Creation (sung response)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 921, 1ST version

stand MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

COMMISSIONING

SUNG BLESSING

stand MV 214 May God's Sheltering Wings

POSTLUDE

Green Dolphin Street - Bronislaw Kaper

TALENTS SHARED, THANKS TO:

Guest Speakers **Bruce and Linda Hutchinson**, members of The United Church of Canada by birth and by choice, have participated in leadership with all ages of people and in all courts of the United Church. They have been active advocates for the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) community since 1997, first at Sydenham Street United Church and later in Affirm United/S'affermer Ensemble, a partner organization of and endorsed by the United Church. Linda is currently Coordinator of the Affirming Ministry Program for Eastern Canada.

Story-tellers Mandy Green, Susan Irving, Sheila Maynard, Barb Landon. We are grateful for their participation.

Greeter Mary Ev Wyatt

Hospitality Charlotte Beer, Peter Goheen

Counters Joyce Holden

Joint Worship Committee of Chalmers & Sydenham St United

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

Copies of the sermon

The sermon, *Locating the Church* that was offered last Sunday by The Rev. Dr. C. Wayne Hilliker is available today at the back of the church. Digital copies can be found online on the Chalmers' website.

TODAY

- **Special Congregational Meetings:** Great news! The Joint Search Committee has advised that they are prepared to recommend an Intentional Interim Ministry candidate to our two congregations. This announcement was officially made at the joint worship service on Sunday, May 27th. This allows for the Special Congregational Meetings to receive the JSC report and to be convened by Four Winds Presbytery. Both meetings will be held at SSUC.
 - **Chalmers' Congregational meeting** will be held in the SSUC sanctuary directly following the worship service.
 - **Sydenham Street Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Lower Hall. This will be an opportunity to review the Annual Report for 2017-18, including the financial statements and the report of the Nominations Committee. The **Special Congregational Meeting** convened by Presbytery will be inserted into this schedule.
 - **Please plan to attend these important meetings.**
- **Congratulations to the Joint Search Committee and thanks** for your diligent efforts and perseverance! The members of that team are Peter Clarke, Donna Delyea, Al Fletcher, Jim Leake, Sheila Menard, Rosemary Robinson, Katharine Smithrim, and Eileen Woloshyn, with Presbytery representatives Lynda Price and Maureen O'Neill.

- **Interim Ministry Transition Team:** To support the Interim Minister we are required to establish a Transition Team. It is hoped that at least one member of the JSC from each church will continue to be involved. As well, two or three others from each church will be needed. If you are interested in this important task please contact a member of your Executive (Lynne Clarke or Lynn Freeman) and they can provide you with information about what is involved. The Executives will be presenting names for confirmation at the meeting on June 10th.
- **Links** regarding the role and function of Transition Teams for Intentional Interim Ministry:
Guidelines for Transition Teams
https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/handbook_transition-teams.pdf
Interim Ministry Policy and Procedures Handbook
https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/handbook_interim-ministry-policies-procedures.pdf
- **7 pm: Sunday Evening Service this evening at Chalmers:** 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>
- **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.

COMING UP

Tuesday, June 12

- **12 pm: Book Group** is ceased until September
- **5:30 - 7:30 pm:** Brownies will meet upstairs in the Sunday School
- **7 pm: Coordinating Council of Elders will meet** in MacCallum Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **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/circle, assist new people to 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>.

Thursday, June 14

- **Noon: Thursday lunches** will resume in September
- **1:30 pm: Centering Prayer Circle resumes in September**

Sunday, June 24

- **Strawberry Social** at SSUC following service.

Tuesday, June 26

- **7 - 8:30 pm:** in MacCallum Hall: Writer Patti Shales Lefkos and Photographer Barry Hodgins from the local non-profit "Nepal - One Day at a Time" will present a slide-show entitled "Volunteering and Trekking in Nepal - How We Changed Lives One Day at a Time". Admission by donation as you are able. Photo art cards available for purchase. EVERYONE WELCOME!!

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 Chalmers or Sydenham St, please contact Isabel McLeod, 613-546-2809. Flowers are then delivered to members who are unwell.

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

Worship schedule: at Sydenham St

June 10 Pride Sunday: Bruce and Linda Hutchinson

June 17 & 24: Rev. John Young

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

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SHARED WORSHIP

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 below.



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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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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.