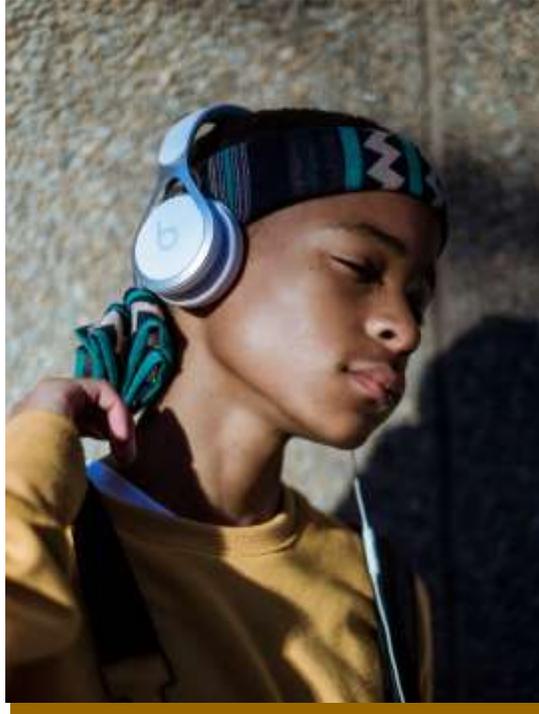


# Chalmers and Sydenham Street

## Sharing Worship

### HOLY LISTENING



United Churches of Canada  
10:30 am September 23, 2018

**Services in September** are at Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie St.

**Assists** Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

**Growing Spirits Children** are invited to meet with Hope Yen and Brigitta Holzschuh 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.

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.

And suddenly you know:  
it's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings."  
- Meister Eckhart

## GATHERING TOGETHER

### PRELUDE

*Pastorella* (1st movement, BWV 590) - J. S. Bach

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

*Alleluia, Amen* - David Melhorn-Boe

*stand* We Are Called

Words-Beverley Humphreys used with Permission, Tune *Love Divine* VU 333

Christ has called us to each other. Linked in one humanity.  
Colour, culture, class or gender, break the chains to set us free.  
Hold the hand of friend or stranger, hold the dreams of age and youth.  
Hold the cynic and the searcher, as we journey to the truth.

Christ has challenged every motive, and disturbed all stale belief  
Re-imagining the future, scattering vision, healing grief.  
Open doors will welcome homeless, open eyes will see the need  
Open hands will work in friendship, sharing love instead of greed.

Christ will use all that we offer, build the Kingdom in this space  
Living stones of strength and weakness, each unique and in its place.  
Art and science, thoughts and actions, human struggles, near and far  
Christ transforms and answers questions, in our search for who we are.

Christ has called us to this moment, time of change and new ideas  
Re-imagining the future, bringing hope, despite our fears  
Open minds explore potential, open arms embrace each child  
Open hearts live out his purpose – all creation reconciled.

### PRAYER OF THE HEART

Sacred One

...from the beginning of time you call us into relationship.

You call us into communities that are real.

May we become salt and light that helps to create beams  
of compassion, community and hope.

We give thanks for places where we feel we belong.

We give thanks for those who help us feel accepted,  
for those who welcome us.

Receive our confession, or our gratitude,  
or our concern for self or others....

Hear our silent meditation. SILENCE

*Children may leave for their programs.*

## WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All** We open now to Sacred Mystery, to the Holy One, infinitely greater than words can express, whose love for us and all creation exceeds our capacity to imagine. Amen

Luke 10: 38 - 42

Janice Moncrieff

**One** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**All** Thanks be to God.

*stand* **VU 578** *As a Fire is Meant for Burning*

### SERMON

#### HOLY LISTENING

Rev. Barry King

### ANTHEM

*O Burning Mountain* - Neil Ginsberg, arr. Jacob Narverud

O burning mountain, O chosen sun, O perfect moon,

O fathomless well,

O unattainable height, O clearness beyond measure,

O wisdom without end,

O mercy without limit, O strength beyond resistance,

O crown beyond all majesty.

The humblest thing you created sings your praise. Amen.

Mechthild of Magdeburg, Germany (13th century)

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERTORY

*Trio in B minor* - Johann Krebs

### PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

**All** With this offering, we present also ourselves:  
all that we have been,  
all that we are, and all that we shall become.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*stand* **MV 154** *Deep in Our Hearts*

### BENEDICTION

*Sung response* **MV 209** *Go, Make a Difference* (verse 3 with refrains)

### POSTLUDE

*Fantasia* - Johann Krebs

## TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

### **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

**Greeters** Susan Irving, Lynn Freeman, Charmaine Puszkas

**Hospitality** Mary Davis Little

**Sound Techs** Dan Bergeron, Brigitta Holzschuh

**Counter** Susan Irving

## COMMUNITY PASTORAL CARING

### **Needs you**

- With an aging congregation more people look forward to a visit or phone call. Please consider joining our small group of 5 active members who are all over the age of 80. While Marilyn Perry and Doreen Morrison are taking time off this fall we have no one to be the overall coordinator of the Pastoral Care.
- The *Keep In Touch Fall Communion Service and Luncheon*, which many of our shut-ins look forward to, also needs someone to coordinate it. Rosemary MacLachlan will pass over all her papers for you to follow.

### **Flowers**

If you wish to donate flowers (tax receiptable) for placement in Chalmers, please contact Isabel McLeod at 613-546-2809. Flowers are then delivered to members who are ill.

## COMING UP

### Tuesday, Sept. 25

- **12:30 pm: Book Group** will meet to discuss a new book *A New Harmony* by John Phillip Newell. New readers welcome!

### Saturday, Sept. 29

- **9:30 am: Hilliker Preaching Lectureship** – two free public lectures.

### Sunday, Sept. 30

- **7 pm: Sunday Evening Music and Reflection Services** For info please contact Mary-Stewart Ross <marystewartross@gmail.com> or 613-384-0952 or Grace McBride <grace-mcbride@live.com>..
- **7 pm: *Sunday Perspectives*** is a monthly series that offers an opportunity to explore connections between contemporary culture and the realm of the Spirit, with a brief period of discussion following a screening of a specially-selected contemporary film. All are welcome to attend and participate. **The Children Act:** Smart, elegant, and deeply moving, *The Children Act* stars two-time Academy Award-winner Emma Thompson in a riveting performance as Fiona Maye, a British High Court judge who, in the midst of a marital crisis, must rule on a life-changing legal case concerning the survival of a teenage boy. At issue whether to order a blood transfusion on the boy, a Jehovah's Witness who, just months short of his eighteenth birthday, is refusing on religious grounds the procedure that would save his life. Adapted by Ian McEwan from his own novel, *The Children Act* is a deeply affecting portrait of strength, devotion, and love. Hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Chalmers United Church, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

### Sunday, Sept. 30

- **5-7 pm: Student Suppers** Chalmers Church invites post-secondary students to an evening of meeting new friends and a delicious home-cooked dinner on the last Sunday of each month. This is our first evening of this term and will be held in MacCallum Hall (behind the sanctuary). Please enter through the Clergy St side door. If you need the accessible entrance, please use the main Earl St. entrance. – just let us know you're coming so we can open that door. To ensure we have enough food, please sign up by emailing Mary at davislittlem@gmail.com. Welcome back, students!

## MOVING FORWARD

- **The Role of The Transition Team:** To assist the Interim Minister in his work towards bringing us to realize our future as Church and to resolve differences, confusion, fear & sadness that goes with all change. We are the conduit between our two congregations and the Interim Minister... ensuring that communication is full, open and transparent.

Chalmers Representatives are: Rosemary MacLachlan, Al Fletcher, Monika Holzschuh Sator, and Mary Stewart Ross

Sydenham St Representatives are: Ian Malcolm, Ross Drummond, Deborah Elliott and Rosemary Robinson

Lynda Price and Maureen O'Neill are the Presbytery Representatives.

We have had 3 meetings over the summer to review our role and to determine how best to work together. We have all agreed that our number one priority is Communication.... To ensure that full and open communication occurs for and with the entire congregations, in order to assist us and our Interim Minister to move towards the future that is best for us.

The team from Chalmers has met separately once, and we have had a frank and loving conversation, one that was healing. Each one of us is committed to working together for everyone at Chalmers.

According to the UCC Guidelines for Transition Teams, the co-chairs are the single public voices for each congregation (yes, we do realize that 'single voices' are an oxymoron, what we mean is one single public voice for each congregation! ☺). The rest of the team members are to make only general comments.

All of the transition team is ready to serve you, by providing information when controversial issues come up, by being transparent throughout this process, by providing reassurance when long-standing assumptions are challenged and by providing leadership as we are trying to find new ways of being God's people.

We are ready to meet the challenge of moving forward together.

- **Contacting Your Church Office by Phone:** As a transitional measure, starting Sept. 10, members of both congregations wishing to reach their church office should call 613-546-3263 ext. 221.
- **Bulletin Announcements:** if you have announcements for the church bulletin, please send them by end of day Monday for inclusion the following Sunday to <bulletins@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com>
- **Reminder to Chalmers' Committee Chairs** to ensure copies of committee meeting Minutes are filed in church office and that your binders are up to date. Please come in and verify in the next 2 wks.
- **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.

## WELCOME REV. BARRY KING

The congregations of Chalmers and Sydenham Street Churches wish to welcome the Rev. Barry King as our Intentional Interim Minister



**Reverend Barry King** received his Master's in Divinity from Queen's University in 1985 and accepted his first charge later that same year in Bonnyville, Alberta. His Ministry work has taken him to various parts of the country with much of it being in the greater Toronto area. Reverend King has had extensive training in Mediation & Arbitration and in Conflict Resolution. More importantly, he has a Certificate in Interim Ministry and has a wealth of experience in this area, including 2½ years as the Interim Minister at Sydenham St United Church, during a particularly difficult time of transition – from January 2000 to June 2002. His strengths include: leadership development, visionary work and the ability to help congregations discern their ministry. In 2014, Rev. King was chosen by General Council – Division of Mission along with 17 other UCC ministry personnel from across Canada to be involved in a 2-year program on developing new models of ministry in faith communities.

Worshipping Sundays Together

at Chalmers in September

and at Sydenham Street in October

**Please Note: Congregational members wishing to reach their church office should call 613-546-3263 ext. 221.**

## 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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**Live Online** <www.chalmersunitedchurch.com> 10:30am Sundays

**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.



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## JOINT STAFF

**The Rev. Barry King** INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTER

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