

Chalmers and Sydenham Street

United Churches of Canada

Sharing Worship

ORIGINAL BLESSING



10:30 am September 30, 2018

☞☞ indicates you are invited to rise in body and spirit as you are able

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.

Called by Name Sydenham St and Chalmers folks are encouraged to wear their name tags. If yours is missing please call the office and let us know, 613-546-3263 x222.

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 TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Aria quarta aus dem Hexachordum Apollinis - Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Alleluia, Amen - David Melhorn-Boe

 VU 399 *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us*

PRAYER OF THE HEART

All We open to the patient presence of the Spirit,
waiting and willing souls, future-fashioning artists,
to share with Her, a palette of possibility.
Baptize us once more in the spirit,
so that our bold strokes may draw a wider circle
and play a part in describing our universe.
Receive our silent meditation.....to be open and present
in this time. (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

Genesis 1: 26-31a Rev. Dr. C. Wayne Hilliker

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Beauty of Life - Robert S. Cohen

Flowers in the field, fish in the sea, fireflies dance to the cricket symphony,
eagles in flight, starlight at night, the beauty of life, ours to see. It's good to be
alive, to be happy and free. Bright verdant leaves fall from the trees, sail on the
songs of the whispering breeze over babbling brooks and flowing streams,
searching for their magical mystical dreams; humming birds, loons, frisky
baboons, the beauty of life, ours to see. It's good to be alive, to be happy and
free. Soft Queen Anne's lace, the moon's smiling face, grasshoppers, beetles and
bugs, spiders and ants, salamanders that dance, daddy long legs and slimy black
slugs. Croak, Chirp, Cuckoo, Meow, Hooo. Tall meadow grass, storm clouds that

pass, leaving the scent of a sweet tranquility, sunrise at dawn, springtime's new spawn, bringing the promise of possibility, joy in each face as the whole human race longs to safeguard our planet from harm. Nurturing trees, cleansing the seas, saving the whales, dolphins and snails, for crystal blue skies, open your eyes, so life's beauty all children may see. It's good to be alive where all creatures can thrive in a world that is happy and free.

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SERMON

Original Blessing

Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers

🌀🌀 **VU 288** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

Trio on *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her* - Johann Pachelbel

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.**

THANK YOU AND PRESENTATION

Rev. Grace McBride

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

🌀🌀 *Blessing Has Formed Us*

Tune: Slane VU 642

Blessing has formed us; God calls us by name;
deep in our nature divine DNA.

Blessing has claimed us, beloved, God's own.
Rainfall or sunshine, we'll always be home.

Love runs to meet us, our cup overflows,
comes alongside on the saddest of roads.

Ever unfolding in all humankind,
not earned or purchased but gift by design.

Christ's resurrection in every breath,
seeds from the cross are disrupting all death.

Now no one dead will remain in the grave,
freedom from fear to enjoy all our days.

God, may we live with the blessing you've sown,
deep in our nature the joy of our home.

With awe and trembling, we'll work out our call,
claimed by your blessing to bless one and all.

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COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

🌀 MV 206 *Go Make a Difference*

verse 3 and refrains

POSTLUDE

Fugue in B minor - Johann Pachelbel

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Robin R. Meyers, PhD

Joint Worship Committee of Chalmers & Sydenham St United

Bill Egnatoff, Joan Egnatoff, Lynn Freeman, Faye Irving,
Mary LeRoy, Ann Patteson, Victoria Ruthven,
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TODAY

- **Book Sale:** We invite you to check out the display in MacCallum Hall following the service.
- **SSUC Small Group Ministry:** Sign-up sheets for SSUC Small Groups will be on a table in McCallum Hall at Coffee Hour after worship today. Small Group gatherings are ideal for chatting with other people who have similar interests. Small Groups open up opportunities for us to be the church for each other. The Co-ordinator: Barbara Parrott 613-389-3601 and Sue Doerksen 613-766-3254 are happy to talk to you about the Small Group Ministry. Leaders of individual Groups will welcome your interest. Groups: Books and Lunch; Coffee Hour Hosts; Community Garden; Discussion Groups; Evening Book Group; Fixers; Greeters (Sunday); Hiking; Just Lunch; Movies & Coffee; Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- **2:45 pm: To all presbyters** It is important that we have you present at Covenanting services, so mark your calendar!! The first is today, at Wolfe Island United Church (take the 2 pm ferry over. It is a short walk from the ferry terminal and there will also be a shuttle).
- **5-7 pm: Student Suppers** at Chalmers Church invites post-secondary students to an evening of meeting new friends and a delicious home-

cooked dinner. This is our first evening of this term and will be held in MacCallum Hall (behind the sanctuary). Welcome back, students!

- **7 pm: Sunday Evening Music and Reflection Service** This evening's theme is, *Spiritual but not Religious*. For info please contact Mary-Stewart Ross <marystewartross@gmail.com> or 613-384-0952 or Grace McBride <grace-mcbride@live.com>.
- **7 pm: SSUC Movie and Coffee** All are welcome to join this small group! We will meet at the Screening Room for any of the movies that start about 7 p.m. Check the newspaper or the Screening Room website for exact start times. After the movies, we'll gather for refreshments and conversation at Chez Piggy's. Our regular movie night is the last Sunday of the month.
- **Room or Apt Needed:** Rowan Sandford Ladon is a recent graduate from the Queen's nursing program and has been offered a part-time position at Providence Care. She is wondering if anyone in the church community has a room or apartment available to rent starting in October or November. Rowan is the daughter of Agnes Ladon, and they have both attended Sydenham Church in the past. Rowan can be reached at 343-363-1791 or rowansandfordladon@gmail.com

COMMUNITY PASTORAL CARING

- **Chalmers Needs you:** With an aging congregation, more people look forward to a visit or phone call. Please consider joining our small group of five active members who are all over the age of 80. Marilyn Perry and Doreen Morrison are taking time off this Fall and we have no one to be the overall coordinator of Pastoral Care. Please call Muriel Hartlin if you can participate in any way or if you would like more information. 613-542-5883.

COMING UP

Tuesday, Oct. 2

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

Tuesday, Oct. 9

- **11:30 am: Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** This will be the first luncheon meeting of the new season to be held at the Best Western Inn Bistro Restaurant, 1217 Princess St. (Please note the new location). We will be welcoming The Rev. Barry King, our new

Minister, as our speaker. The title of his talk is: *Habitat for Humanity*. Everyone from Sydenham St. U.C. and Chalmers is invited to attend. Individuals on call lists will be contacted by team captains. Others wishing to attend and/or to have their name added to our call list, please contact Al Fletcher at 613-546-4785 or <afletcher8@cogeco.ca> before 5 pm on Sunday, Oct.7. Please note, seating will be limited in our new venue. The cost for the luncheon, including tax & gratuity, is \$22. per person (a \$20 bill plus a toonie).

- **7 pm: Chalmers CCE** will meet in MacCallum Hall.

Monday, Oct. 15

- **12 pm: Just Lunch** Our first event for the 2018-2019 Church Year for Sydenham St. & Chalmers United, is a Fall Colours Car Convoy to Westport. Lunch will be at the Cove Inn & Restaurant, 2 Bedford St. You may meet us at The Cove, or if you would like to take the scenic route to enjoy fall colours, and car pool if you wish, meet in the parking area near the Marriott Hotel at King's Crossing Outlet Mall at 10:15 am for a 10:30 am departure. The Outlet Mall is on the north side of Dalton Ave, (west of Division at the 401 opposite the Empire Theatre complex). Please contact Sylvia Mann at 613-531-9479 or e-mail <kmann30@cogeco.ca> or <meikle_irish@yahoo.com> by Oct.12th so we can confirm numbers. If you need a ride from your residence, we can arrange a pick up so that you can come along.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

- **Chalmers Annual Fall Banquet** Come and enjoy a delicious roast beef buffet from Old Farm Fine Foods, a glass of wine, the company of friends and a chance to welcome our new minister, Rev. Barry King. All Chalmers and Sydenham Street friends welcome. Tickets are \$30, from Jane MacEwen, Joan Simeon or the Chalmers' office.

Saturday, Nov 10

- **PeaceQuest** is organizing a national gathering at Memorial Hall to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. The program will feature Paul Rogers, Professor of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford and Global Security Consultant with Oxford Research Group. He is the author of *Why We're Losing the War on Terror* and regular guest on CBC-Radio's *Sunday Edition*. Other guests include John McGarry (Political Studies, Queen's), Shannon-Monk Payne (Sakatay Global), Bianca Mugenyi (The Leap), Mona Rahman (Islamic Society of Kingston) and author Lawrence Scanlan.

Sunday, Nov 11

- **PeaceQuest** is collaborating with The Isabel to present the third Remembrance Day event featuring Open Voices Community **Choir**, the Juno Award winning Okavango African Orchestra, PeaceSong, Kate Johnson, Paul Rogers and more. The music will be backed by the poignant projections of The World Remembers displaying the names of the millions who died on both sides of the tragic conflict. This event was sold out in 2016 and 2017 so get your tickets early. Details and tickets for both events are available from Michael Cooke (mcooke253@gmail.com or 416-209-6156) or at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/imagining-peace-a-peacequest-gathering-tickets-47470466443>.

MOVING FORWARD

- **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 verify by Oct. 7.
- **Contacting Your Church Office by Phone:** As a transitional measure, members of both congregations wishing to reach their church office should call 613-546-3263 ext. 221
- **Booking a Room at Sydenham Street United:** please call 613-542-9616 ext. 201 or e-mail your request to <thespire@kos.net>
- **Booking a Room at Chalmers United:** please call 613-546-3263 ext. 222 or email <office@chalmersunitedchurch.com>

Worshipping Sundays Together
at Sydenham Street in October and at Chalmers in November
**Please Note: Congregational members wishing to reach either
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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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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