



Chalmers and
Sydenham Street
United Churches of Canada
Sharing Worship
10:30 am November 18, 2018
Covenanting Service



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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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Services in November are at Chalmers United: 212 Barrie St at Clergy 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 Clergy St. foyer when prompted.

Washrooms are located 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.

CHURCHES

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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OFFICE HOURS

Chalmers and Sydenham St Church House Offices:


Monday to Thursday 9:30 am to 4 pm

The Spire/SSUC Office: Monday to Thursday 9 am to noon

For bulletin materials please use: <bulletins@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com>

"The kind of Jesus we believe in will determine

the kind of Christianity we practice. Who is Jesus?" - Jim Wallis

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

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

Adoro te devote (Partita) - Flor Peeters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

INTROIT

Abundant Life - MV 143, verses 1, 2

seated **VU 268** *Bring Many Names*

GATHERING

Presider Rev. Elizabeth MacDonald, Four Winds Presbytery Representative

One Once you start to awaken,
no one can ever claim you again for the old patterns;

All More naked than ever but feeling truly alive.

One You want to voyage beyond pallid frontiers
to where the danger of transformation dwells;

All Impatient for growth, choosing to be on the path of change.

One You are no longer willing to squander your essence
on undertakings that do not nourish your true self;

All Trusting the music of my own soul.

One You see through the rosters of expectation
which promise you safety
and the confirmation of your outer identity;

All An inner treasure that no one and no thing can take from me.

One And when the time comes for you to leave, the view
from your deathbed will show a life of growth;

All Gladdening the heart and removing all fear.

PRAYER OF THE HEART

All O Holy One, we gather to rediscover the fire and celebrate
new beginnings kindled by an ember that flew from the great
radiance, love's bright beginning in time and space – flaming
forth now in us. May our own Spirit – fanned words and the
thoughts of our hearts become love's flames. Amen

Children may leave for their programs.

A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

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

1st Corinthians 12: 12 - 26

James Leake

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Prayer of the Children - Kurt Bestor, arr. Andrea Klouse

BUILDING COMMUNITY - CONVERSATION

(You are encouraged to gather in groups of 4-5 people, with someone you do not know to discuss the questions this morning. Be sure to introduce yourself before answering with your name, church you belong to and for how long.)

Questions

1. "If you were a candy bar, which candy bar would you be? Share why?"
2. "Why did you choose to come to church this morning?"
3. "What has been positive for "YOU" about worshipping together as two congregations?"
4. "What resources do we have together, that none of us has all of on our own?"

🌀🌀 **MV 138** *My Love Colours Outside the Lines*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

Come to the Waters - G. F. Handel

Ann Patteson, Katharine Smithrim

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

Abundant Life (MV 143, verse 3)

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

COVENANTING ACTION

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATE

Peter Clarke

We present Barry King, who has been appointed to ministry with and for the people of Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches.

Members of the Joint Search Team - Chalmers United Church
Peter Clarke, Al Fletcher, Sheila Menard, Katharine Smithrim

Eileen Woloshyn

We believe Barry King is well-qualified to work with and serve the people of both of our congregations and that he has been prayerfully chosen.

Members of the Joint Search Team - Sydenham Street United Church
Donna Delyea, Jim Leake, Rosemary Robinson, Eileen Woloshyn

STATEMENT OF NEW MINISTRY

Presbytery Rep In Jesus Christ, God came into the world as a servant of all. By our baptism we are all called to a ministry of worship, witness, justice, and reconciliation. Among us, some are called to particular ministries. Barry King, you have been called to Interim Ministry with the congregations of Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches. You, the members of Chalmers and Sydenham Street are called to join with Barry King in worship, prayer, action and in caring for one another. We, Four Winds Presbytery, will be responsible for the oversight of this ministry until the end of December, at which time Region 11 will assume this responsibility.

Let us ask for God's grace as we covenant together this day; let us pray:

In our baptism we covenanted to be one family of God's people in ministry to each other and to God's world; gift us with your Holy Spirit here and now, as we commit ourselves to work together in Christ's name. Amen.

PROMISES OF THE MINISTER

Presbytery Rep Barry King, you have been invited to engage in Interim Ministry and share your faith journey with Chalmers & Sydenham Street United Churches and Four Winds Presbytery. Do you commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Minister I do, God being my helper.

Presbytery Rep Will you accept the discipline of Four Winds Presbytery and Region 11 and, together with other Presbytery and Region 11 members, be responsible for the oversight of the church's life?

Minister I will, God being my helper.

Presbytery Rep Will you accept the support and encouragement of Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches and Four Winds Presbytery?

Minister I will, God being my helper

PROMISES OF

CHALMERS UNITED AND SYDENHAM STREET UNITED PASTORAL CHARGES

Presbytery Rep In a healthy community, there's a need for celebration, lament, critique, support, encouragement, and love. On behalf of Four Winds Presbytery I ask you: Will you take your part in the church's ministry with Barry King in these two congregations, in this community, and in the world?

All With the grace of God, we receive Barry King into both of our congregations. We will work, worship, pray, cry and laugh together, using our talents, time and treasure to discover our needs and our purpose, and to determine God's will for us as the body of Christ.

Presbytery Rep Will you support, challenge and nurture Barry King as he serves among you in this ministry?

All We will, God being our helper.

PROMISES OF PRESBYTERY

Presbytery Rep Will you, as members of Four Winds Presbytery, join with Barry King and Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches in the ministry that is both theirs and ours?

Presbytery Members We will, God being our helper.

(Members of Presbytery may be seated.)

(The members and adherents of the pastoral charge may be seated.)

Presbytery Rep Barry, Carol, David, Ivan, Don, Justin, and Lisa you have been called by God to work together in this pastoral charge. Will you promise in faith and obedience to Christ to share this ministry, supporting one another in love and, through your unity of spirit, inspiring all God's people here in their common ministry for Christ?

Ministry Team We will, God being our helper.

DECLARATION

Presbytery Rep In the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, and by the authority of Four Winds Presbytery, I declare that the covenant made this afternoon by Barry King and the people of Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches and by the members of Four Winds Presbytery of The United Church of Canada has been duly witnessed, and the relationship duly constituted. May God bless the ministry of Barry King, the members of these two congregations, and all who gather here. In response to the covenant we have just made, and as a reminder of who we are as a people of faith, let us stand as you are able and join in the statement of our communal faith.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL FAITH

**All We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church; to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

(People may be seated.)

Presbytery Rep Rev. Barry King, you have been appointed as the Intentional Interim Minister to Chalmers United Church pastoral charge and Sydenham Street United Church pastoral charge. You, the members and staff team of both pastoral charges, are called to join in worship, study, prayer and action. Four Winds Presbytery provides support to all ministry personnel within the presbytery; it nurtures healthy pastoral relationships, and is responsible for the oversight of this pastoral charge. Bay of Quinte Conference, through the Conference personnel minister, provides support to the Ministry & Personnel Committee and is available for consultation and advice to ministry personnel. The Conference is also responsible for the oversight and discipline of all ministry personnel within the Conference. Let us ask for God's grace as we covenant together this day. Let us pray:

**All Gracious God,
by our baptism you have called us to Christ's ministry;
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us as we commit ourselves
to work together in Christ's name. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS

Bible Presenter - Mary-Stewart Ross
"Take this Bible. Be among us as one who teaches and proclaims the Word."

All Amen.

Water Presenter - Ian Malcolm
"Be among us as one who baptizes in the name of Christ."

All Amen.

Towel, and Basin
Presenter - Deborah Elliott
"Be among us as one who serves."

All Amen.

Bread and Wine
Presenter - Monika Holzschuh
"Be among us as one who cares for those who hunger and thirst."

All Amen.

The Braid
Presenter - Ross Drummond
"I present to you the Braid which represents the Spirit winding together the three Ministries of Sydenham Street United Church --- Engaging the Spirit/ Social Justice and Outreach and Being Nurtured by the Arts."

All Amen.

Chalmers' United Symbol - The Mosaic "*The Evangelists*"
Presenter - Al Fletcher
"This photograph of our Mosaic, *The Evangelists*, is presented as a symbol of our collective sharing of the stories of Jesus which we have received from the Gospel writers."

All Amen.

Sydenham St United Symbol - Pride & Trans Flags and Affirm United Pin
Presenter - Rosemary Robinson
"Be among us to lift up Affirm United."

All Amen.

A DOOR

Rev. Barry King Each of us passes through a variety of doorways in our daily lives. Today I invite you to journey through this door as a rite of passage into our future ministry together. Here is the door leading to a new place in time. Come, and be led by a child into this new journey of discovery we will take together.

All We trust in God's Spirit.

(All are now invited to step through this new passage way into the future)

Presider Barry and Chalmers United and Sydenham Street United, let all these be signs of the ministry that is ours and yours in this place.

All Amen.

RESPONSE TO COVENANT

Presider Let us rejoice in the covenant we have made.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(from the Original Aramaic by Neil Douglas-Klotz in "Prayers of the Cosmos")

All O Birther! Father –Mother of the Cosmos, focus your light within us - make it useful.
Create your reign of unity now - through our fiery hearts and willing hands.
Help us love beyond our ideals and sprout acts of compassion for all creatures.
Animate the earth within us: we then feel the Wisdom underneath supporting all.
Untangle the knots within so that we can mend our hearts' simple ties to each other.
Don't let surface things delude us, but free us from what holds us back from our true purpose.
Out of you, the astonishing fire, returning light and sound of the cosmos. Amen.

☞☞ *God Who Sets Us on a Journey*

Tune: VU #333 Words: Joy Dine (1937 – 2001) © Rev'd Mervyn Dine

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| 1. God who sets us on a journey to discover, dream and grow, lead us as you led your people in the desert long ago; journey inward, journey outward, stir the spirit, stretch the mind, love for God and self and neighbour marks the way that Christ defined. | 3. End our longing for the old days, grant the vision that we lack – once we've started on this journey there can be no turning back; let us travel light, discarding excess baggage from our past, cherish only what's essential, choosing treasure that will last. |
| 2. Exploration brings new insights, changes, choices we must face; give us wisdom in deciding, mindful always of your grace; should we stumble, lose our bearings, find it hard to know what's right, we regain our true direction focused on the Jesus light. | 4. When we set up camp and settle to avoid love's risk and pain, you disturb complacent comfort, pull the tent pegs up again; keep us travelling in the knowledge you are always at our side; give us courage for the journey, Christ our goal and Christ our guide. |

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

☞☞ **MV 222** *May the Peace of God Be Your Peace*

POSTLUDE

Postludium - Flor Peeters

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

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| Greeters | Monika Holzschuh, Charmaine Puszkar |
| Hospitality | Women of Chalmers |
| Counters | Al and Barb Fletcher |
| Sound Tech | Dan Bergeron, Brigitta Holzschuh, Olivia O'Driscoll |

TODAY

- **7 pm: Sunday Evening Music and Reflection Service at Chalmers,**
For info please contact Mary-Stewart Ross 613-384-0952 or
<marystewartross@gmail.com> or Grace McBride <grace-mcbride@live.com>.

THE TRANSITION TEAM WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- **Calling All Circles of Companionship!** The Transition Team wants to meet with every Circle of Companionship group. We wanted to have some Small Group Discussions with people from both congregations, and it occurred to us that the Circles of Companionship would be an ideal format for our Small Group Discussions. Please arrange with your Point Person to meet with your Circle of Companionship Group within the next 4 weeks, before we all get into the busy Christmas season. Contact Mary-Stewart Ross at <marystewartross@gmail.com> (for Chalmers groups) and Ian Malcolm at <IanRWMalcolm@gmail.com> (for SSUC groups) and advise them of the date, time & location of your Circle Group meeting and they will arrange for a Transition Team member to come to the meeting and lead a discussion.
Every Sunday after the service, 2 members of the Transition Team will be waiting for you at the coffee hour. **They want to hear your thoughts about our Shared Ministry & Staffing. What do you need the Transition Team to know to help them facilitate where we're going in the future and how we will get there?**

COMMUNITY PASTORAL CARING

- **To place Flowers in the Sanctuary for the Worship Services in November:** Contact Isabel McLeod 613-546-2809.

FLOWERS

The Flowers in the sanctuary
are to the Glory of God
from the Houlden Yen Families.



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 <bulletin@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com>
- **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>

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Worshipping Sundays Together
at Chalmers in November
and at Sydenham Street in December and January