



## Sydenham Street and Chalmers

United Churches of Canada

### Sharing Worship



## EVOLUTIONARY CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM

10:30 am February 24, 2019

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Church Office: 613- 546-3263 ext.222

Hours: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Mon. – Thurs.

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**February Services** are at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham St.

**March Services** 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 Lynn Freeman for Christian stories and activities. Please meet in the Conference Room, First Floor, when prompted.

**Washrooms** are 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.

## CHURCHES

**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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**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** when at the 212 Barrie St Chalmers location. 10:30 am Sundays

<www.chalmersunitedchurch.com>

## OFFICE HOURS

**Chalmers and Sydenham St Church House Offices:**

Monday to Thursday 9:30 am to 4 pm

**The Spire/SSUC Office:** Monday to Friday 9 am to noon

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

"Indeed, God is not far from any one of us. For 'In God we live and move and have our very being'" (Acts 17:27-28). "If this is true, then it has to be true everywhere and all the time. Small truth is not big enough to save a very large universe."  
Fr. Richard Rohr - OFM

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

## EPIPHANY 7

### GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

#### PRELUDE

*Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend* - J. G. Walther

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

#### INTROIT

*Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart*

VU 629

☞☞ **VU 390** *How Great the Mystery of Faith*

#### GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

One Every morning, the Creator calls you to be, and when you rise and as you become, the Creator gives a promise:

**All As I live and as you live, I will never abandon you.**

One And each day, we may respond:

**All As you live and as I live, I will go with you.**

One And each day, we may say to one another:

**All As the Creator lives and as I live,  
let us worship and serve together.**

#### PRAYER OF THE HEART

**All Grandfather Great Spirit. All over the world the faces of living are alike. With tenderness they have come up out of the ground. Look upon your children that they may face the winds and walk the good road to the Day of Quiet. Grandfather Great Spirit. Fill us with the Light. Give us the strength to understand and eyes to see. Teach us to walk the soft Earth as relatives to all that live. Amen.**

A Sioux Prayer

#### DEDICATION OF BOOKS FOR THE NEW RECONCILIATION LIBRARY

*Donated by members of the Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group*

*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.**

2 Corinthians 5: 16.17, 18a

Mary Ev Wyatt

Gospel of Thomas 3

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

**All** Thanks be to God.

### ANTHEM

Chorus with Quartet

*O God, Thou Art My God* - Henry Purcell

Hassen Butler, Donna Delyea, Bill Egnatoff, Katharine Smithrim

### SERMON

**"EVOLUTIONARY CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM"** Rev. Barry King  
**(a spirituality for our time)**

☞☞ **MV 39** *Mother Earth, Our Mother Birthing*

## COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

### OFFERTORY

*Prélude in A minor* - Nicholas Gigault

### PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

☞☞ **VU 82** *A Light Is Gleaming, (refrain only)*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**VU pg. 916** *The Prayer of Jesus*

☞☞ **MV 135** *Called by Earth and Sky*

### SUNG BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

☞☞ **MV 214** *May God's Sheltering Wings*

### POSTLUDE

*Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr* - J. G. Walther

## TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

**Greeters** Mary Ev Wyatt, Norm Esdon

**Hospitality** Mary LeRoy, Jim Berry

**Counters** Mary Stewart Ross

## TODAY

- **Soup Luncheon: following the service** this Sunday (February 24) the Social Justice and Outreach Committee of Sydenham Street is hosting a soup luncheon to which one and all from both our congregations are warmly invited. A lunch of home-made soups has become a tradition in support of a worthy cause: the Tuesday Morning Food Voucher Program which helps the hungry in our local community buy groceries. We suggest a voluntary contribution of \$6.- all the money raised is contributed to the Program. Thank you.
- **1:30 pm: 8<sup>th</sup> Fire** The final of four parts will be shown today on the big screen at Chalmers. Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches have been jointly presenting, *8<sup>th</sup> Fire* In the spirit of the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report. In this 4-part CBC production, broadcaster Wab Kinew introduces viewers to "a high energy journey through Aboriginal Country". No Admission Fee. To see the poster on your screen, search: Sydenham Street United Church 8<sup>th</sup> Fire. To view the poster, search: facebook.com/Sydenham-Street-United-Church
- **4:45 pm: A Potluck Student Supper** will take place at Chalmers Church in MacCallum Hall. Students are invited to enjoy a **free** dinner and conversation with new friends. Bring a dish to share, or just bring yourself and a friend. To ensure we have set enough places at the table and have lots of food, please email Mary at <davislittlem@gmail.com> to let us know you are coming! Dinner is served at 5 pm. Corner of Barrie and Clergy Streets (entrance off Clergy St side door).
- **7 pm: SSUC Movie and Coffee Small Group** will meet at the Screening Room for either of the movies that start about 7 p.m. All are welcome to join. 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. Contact Barb Carr for more info 613- 544-4081 or <barbecarr@hotmail.com>
- **7 pm: Sunday Evening services of Music and Reflection continue every week in Chalmers' sanctuary.** For info please contact Mary-Stewart Ross 613-384-0952 or <marystewartross@gmail.com> or Grace McBride <grace-mcbride@live.com>.
- **NOTE: Rev. Barry King will be away on a week's Study Leave** from Monday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Those with Emergency Pastoral Care Concerns for both Chalmers and Sydenham St churches,** may contact Marylil Megginson at 613-544-9420, <marylil@kos.net> for assistance during the time Rev. King is away.

## COMING UP

### Tuesday, Feb. 26

- **11 am to 1 pm: Prayer Shawl meeting** in the Sydenham St. Upper Kitchen. Join us for some knitting, crocheting, tea and conversation. Bring a bag lunch along with any prayer shawls you have managed to complete during the winter months and of course your knitting/crocheting. We have lots of donated wool waiting for someone to knit or crochet. **Everyone is welcome.** Susan Doerksen 613-766-3254 or <sdoerksenca@yahoo.ca>

### Thursday, Feb. 28

- **12 pm: Catered lunch** is served on Thursdays in MacCallum Hall for \$7 per person. Everyone is welcome to join our group. If you have not attended but would like to attend, please phone Jane MacEwen at 613-546-3905.

### Monday, Mar. 4

- **The SSUC monthly "Just Lunch" gatherings** are open to all members and friends from both our congregations. Our March gathering will be at The River Mill Restaurant, 2 Cataraqui St. Participants pay as couples or individuals. Pre-registration is required and closes on Sat. evening March 2nd. Please contact Sylvia Mann by e-mail <kmann30@cogeco.ca> or tel: 613-531-9479.

### Wednesday, Mar. 6

- **7pm: Mindfulness Meditation** is being offered in the upstairs Round Room at Chalmers United. There is no cost and everyone who would like to learn mindfulness as a practice or who wishes to enhance their practice is welcome to attend. The leaders will be Danielle Brisban MSW, RSW and Grace McBride M. Div, MSW, RSW, both Danielle and Grace have experience teaching mindfulness and the effects it has on dealing with the stresses of life. If you have any questions, please email <grace-mcbride@live.com>. *(Note: Please bring indoor shoes or slippers to wear upstairs. Thank you.)*

### Sunday, Mar. 10

- **9 am: Lenten Adult Education Study Group** is now being offered at Chalmers United Church, on Sunday mornings in the upstairs Round Room. We will be using as our guide Marcus J. Borg's *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*. All are welcome and those interested are asked to contact Grace McBride via email <grace-mcbride@live.com> and she will be glad to speak with you and take a pre-paid order for the book or you can order it yourself through Amazon [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca) and choose the preferred format. - CDN currency \$10.99 Kindle edition or \$15.71 paperback. *(Note: Please bring indoor shoes or slippers to wear upstairs. Thank you.)*

## MOVING FORWARD

- **Bulletin Announcements:** if you have announcements for the church bulletin, ideally please send them by end of day Monday, or late editions by end of day Tuesday 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

## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Members of our church family are going to El Salvador during the March Break for a Mission Awareness Liaison with a UCC partnering church, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel. UCC members from the Bay of Quinte Conference and the Montreal-Ottawa Conference will be joining them. They are taking much needed school supplies and we are asking for donations of money (make any cheques out to Edith Rankin Memorial Church) and/or the following items: glue sticks, crayons, pencils highlighters, sticky notes, small pencil sharpeners, dry paints, scissors, tape, staplers, etc. Personal items are also welcome: toothpaste, toothbrushes, vitamins, hand sanitizer, etc.

All donations can be placed in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary marked El Salvador Project. Cheques can be put in the basket or given to Mary-Stewart Ross.

Worshipping Sundays Together  
at Sydenham Street United in February  
and at Chalmers United in March

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**JOIN IN THE  
SHROVE TUESDAY  
PANCAKE SUPPER**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>  
5 - 6 pm  
in MacCallum Hall**

**Adults \$12 Children \$6**

**Toppings galore:  
maple syrup, yoghurt, fruit  
with ham and sausages**

**BEST PANCAKE SUPPER IN TOWN!**

We will need help with serving, cooking and cleaning up. Please contact Joan at 613-545-1099 or <jsimeon601@gmail.com>.