

Chalmers and Sydenham Street
United Churches of Canada
Sharing Worship



God's Hand – Image by Carl Milles

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

"MAPS FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY"

10:30 AM MARCH 24, 2019

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

March Services are at Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie St.

April Services are at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham 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 Clergy St. foyer when prompted.

Washrooms are located in the Clergy St. foyer.

Song Books *VU Voices United* *MV More Voices*

Ringers Off on 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.

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

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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 Friday 9 am to noon

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

Please send announcements by end of day Monday, or late editions by end of day Tuesday for inclusion the following Sunday.

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.

"My darkness has been filled with the light of Intelligence, and behold, the outer day-lit world was stumbling and groping in social blindness." - Helen Keller

LENTEN THEME: "SPACE FOR THE SPIRIT"

During the season of Lent, we are working with the theme of "Space for the Spirit". We make use of a Tibetan singing bowl struck once with a padded mallet, inviting us to enter into a time of silence (2 minutes), where we intentionally make space for the Spirit, Divine energy, the Ruah (breath of God), into our lives, as we journey through this season.

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

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

If We Allow Our God to Guide Us (Op. 67) - Max Reger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

INTROIT

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery VU 121, verse 3

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Your body is a divine stream,

As is your spirit.

When your two great rivers merge, one voice is found

And the earth applauds in excitement.

Shrines are erected to those songs the heart
and hand have sung.

As they served the world with a love, a love we cherish.

☞☞ VU 409 Morning Has Broken

SPACE FOR THE SPIRIT

When you hear the sound of the Tibetan singing bowl being struck, you are invited to enter into a time of silence (2 minutes), to make space for the Spirit in your life. Taking deep breaths "in and out" – you open all of your senses to the Spirit of life that pulses throughout the cosmic universe.

MV 85 *Take, O Take Me as I Am (x2)*

**Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon up what I shall be;
set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.**

Children may leave for their programs.

A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**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.**

Isaiah 55: 1-9
Luke 13: 6-9

Janice Moncrieff

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

God Be in My Head - H. A. Fricker

SERMON

"MAPS FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY"

Ian Malcolm

☞☞ **VU 356** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

Lamb of God, All Holy (Op. 67) - Max Reger

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

☞☞ **VU 632** *O Blessed Spring*

verse 3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU pg. 916 *The Prayer of Jesus – A Paraphrase*

☞☞ **VU 651** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

SENDING FORTH AND SUNG BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

If We Allow our God to Guide Us - J. S. Bach

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

Worship Leaders	Juliet Huntly, Ian Malcolm
Greeters	Susan Irving, Norm Esdon, Mary Ev Wyatt
Hospitality	Mary-Stewart Ross & Hassen Butler
Counter	Gerald McGrath
Sound Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh, Matthias Melhorn-Boe

- **NOTE: Rev. Barry King will be away on a week's vacation March 18-25 inclusive.** Worship will be conducted by Juliet Huntly and Ian Malcolm. **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.

TODAY

- **NOTE: *Embracing the Spirit*:** If you are interested in following and seeing what is happening across the country in different faith communities and how different models of ministry are being launched....I encourage you to subscribe to the *Embracing The Spirit* Newsletter that I receive each month. There is lots of excitement and hope for our future in new ways. - Rev. King
- **The Chalmers' Benevolent Fund Program** is in need of shampoos, conditioner, small bags of laundry soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste that are shared on Tuesday mornings. The Blessing Box, a cupboard outside church house that reads: "Give what you can, take what you need" could use some foods such as pasta, porridge, Kraft dinners – any foods that won't explode if they freeze. Thank you.
- **Chalmers' Stamp Program: We are in need of more cancelled stamps,** as we are planning some new mailings. Please save your cancelled actual stamps (not from a metered machine) from home or business mail. Just the corner of the envelope. Please drop them off at the Church Office. (Use mail slot if the Office is closed). Thank you.
- **9 am: Lenten Adult Education Study Group** is being offered at Chalmers United Church, on Sunday mornings in the upstairs South 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 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.*)
- **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>.

COMING UP

Wednesday, March 27

- **7 pm: Mindfulness Meditation** is being offered upstairs in the Round Room (Earl St. side) 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 are 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.*)
- **7 - 9 pm: Kingston Area United Church Gathering** at Sydenham Street United Church. *Attention Kingston & Area United Churches: In this post-presbytery period, as we all live into new ways of being The United Church, how are we going to communicate? Stay connected? Support and pray for one another? Embrace the opportunities and face the uncertainties of this time of transition? Let's get together so we can talk and tackle these challenges. Are we interested in forming a Cluster in the Kingston area and if so, what it might do?* Sharon Hull, the new staff responsible for Clusters across our Region of East Central Ontario will be with us to consult with and support us. Ministers – working & retired; former Presbytery Reps; interested Lay Leaders and Congregants – are all invited! Hope to see you there!! For more information contact Bruce Hutchinson <hutchinb@queensu.ca> Marylil Megginson <marylil@kos.net> or Elizabeth Macdonald <emacd@kos.net>

The draft agenda is:

- Call to order – Marylil Megginson
- Worship led by – Rev Judith Evenden
- Short report from each Faith Community represented - All
- Report on Eastern Central Ontario Regional Council – Rev Elizabeth Macdonald
- Introduction of Sharon Hull, East Central Ontario Regional Council staff
- Report from Four Winds Presbytery Development Corporation on recent grant program
- Table group discussions to discern interest in and potential roles for a Kingston and area cluster – Bruce Hutchinson
- Feedback from table discussions
- Do we meet again? If so, time and place and who calls the meeting?

Thursday, March 28

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

Saturday, March 30

- **9 am to 12:30 pm: Chalmers Congregational Forum in MacCallum Hall.** Members and adherents are invited to attend a discovery session with small group conversations facilitated by Rob Wood to discuss how we will maintain Chalmers United Church's "own distinctive character, mission and commitment."

(Four Winds Presbytery Commission Report 2018)

Sunday, March 31

- **5 pm: Student Supper** at Chalmers in MacCallum Hall.
- **7 pm: SSUC Movie and Coffee:** All are welcome to join the small group! We will meet at the Screening Room for either 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. Contact Barb Carr for more information. 613-544-4081 <barbecarr@hotmail.com> All welcome.

Friday April 5

- **5:30 pm: Spring Fling Spaghetti Supper** in MacCallum Hall. Mark your calendar. Details to follow.

Tuesday, April 9

- **11:30 am: Two Church Lunch and Learn Group:** The next meeting will be at the Best Western Bistro Stefan Restaurant, 1217 Princess St. Our speaker will be Col. Kirk Gallinger, Base Commander, C.F.B. Kingston. The title of his talk is *Canadian Forces Base Kingston: A City within a City*. Everyone from Sydenham St.U.C. and Chalmers U.C, is invited to attend. Individuals on call lists will be contacted by email. Others wishing to attend and/or to have their name added to our call list, please contact Donna Delyea at <delyead@live.com> or 343-364-1758 **before 5 pm on Sunday, April 7**. The cost for the luncheon, incl. tax & gratuity, is \$22. per person (a \$20 bill plus a toonie, please).

Saturday, June 1

- **9 am-4 pm: Re-Imagining Places of Faith Workshop** Hold the date. \$25. Contact Penny Shaman PShaman@cogeco.ca 613-766-2599

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