



SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
"THE WAY LESS TRAVELLED"

10:30 am April 14, 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

April Services are at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham St.

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

June and July Services will be at Sydenham St United Church.

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Growing Spirits Children are invited to meet with Lynn Freeman and Bruce Elliott for Christian stories and activities. Please meet in the Conference Room 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 on electronic devices, please. 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

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OFFICE HOURS

Chalmers and Sydenham St Church House Office: Mon. to Thurs. 9:30 am-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.

"Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.
Act justly now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now.
You are not obligated to complete the work,
but neither are you free to abandon it."

-Rabbi Tarfon and the Talmud

☞ indicates you are invited to rise in body and spirit as you are able
Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The Emperor's Fanfare - Antonio Soler

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Be in these hands wands of joy to celebrate the One coming in the name of the Holy One; be here instruments of faith beyond the common longing for our ways; be for us the wave of abandon to God's way of the cross and the victory of love's pure sacrifice in hope! Amen

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

People of Chalmers and Sydenham street, (*wherever you are*)

People of Kingston,

People of faith,

Lift up your palm branches! Wave them high so all can see!

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the Prince of Peace!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19: 28-40

James Beyrer

PALM PROCESSION PARADE

☞ **VU 124** *He Came Riding on a Donkey*

1 He came riding on a donkey,	sure where he would guide them,
he came riding into town;	on to live or on to die.
slow and easy kind of lowly	But all the morning sang his praises;
he came riding with the dawn.	waking birds and dancing wind;
His disciples walked beside him,	here he is, the Son of David;
staying close, a little shy; not too	riding on to take his throne.

2 Then the children gathered,
singing
shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
in the streets their song was ringing,
"Hosannas" filled the morning air.
Timid adults strained to see him,
caught the Spirit, joined the song;
spread their cloaks along before him,
branches flashing in the sun.
So all the city sang his praises;
waking streets and dancing crowd;
here he is, the Son of David;
our Messiah, Son of God.

3 In our fasting, and our feasting,
called to follow in his way;
called to walk his road to Easter,
called to live his cross today.
Hosanna to the Son of David,
hosanna in the heavens above;
blessed is he who comes to save us,
blessed is he who brings his love.
Let us join to sing his praises;
open hearts and souls to God;
he is with us, Son of David;
God's Messiah, Christ the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Holy One, we come prepared to cheer on our holy leader and hallowed child of Wisdom, Jesus, the anointed one. Our need is as great today as it was for those ancient pilgrims to honor and salute the presence of truth. Now we join in with his holy procession of hope, that we might look into the heart of Christ and see our own sacred heart reflected back, empowering us to stay with Him. Amen

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 50:4-9a

Susan Irving

ANTHEM

Hosanna to the Son of David

Malcolm Archer

REFLECTION

"THE WAY LESS TRAVELLED"

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CELEBRATING COMMUNITY
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Prelude on *Pange lingua* - A. P. F. Boëly

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Spirit of God is here; within, between and beyond us.
With bread and cup, we honor a tradition grounded in
the life of Jesus, we renew our unity with one another,
with bearers of resurrection who have gone before us
and with all beacons of light and hope that will follow us.
We renew our communion with the earth and commit to
being advocates for all broken people in the world.

So come, taste this bread and drink of this cup,
gifts of the earth, work of human hands.
Our spirit is touched and healed by shared humanity.

**All: We take bread, symbol of humanity, symbol of life.
We take cup, symbol of oneness, symbol of life.**

One: Bread and cup are before us, memory of our meals, our working,
our talking, stories which shape us, grieving and pain,
light and darkness, seeking and loving.

On the night before he died Jesus took bread; when he had given
thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Hold and eat this; remember this fragile moment.

All: Bread broken - a sign of shared humanity.
He also took a cup; gave thanks and said:
Drink this and remember our shared vision.

All: Wine poured - a sign of love shared.

One: So, with all the saints in heaven and on earth,
We join our hearts in prayer for your church and our world.
We pray for the church of Jesus Christ.
We pray for the healing of creation and the healing of nations.
We pray for those who are in sorrow or in pain. (silence)
We pray for all who live with violence or injustice. (silence)
Gather the cries of our hearts for your world,
bringing hope and faith and love into being.

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit, upon us and what we do here,
that we and these gifts, touched by your Spirit,
may be signs of life and love to one another, and to the world.
We join in saying the Lord's Prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, Our Mother, Our Holy One,
May our kin-dom come
And your will be done here on earth.
May we find this day the bread we need
And may we feel forgiveness for our missteps
And forgive, freely, others for theirs.
May we walk away from temptation and focus on good.
For yours is the kin-dom, the power
And the glory, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

One: Let us break bread together.

All: Together, we celebrate the festival of our liberation.

BREAKING OF BREAD (Jesus the Bread of Life)

POURING OF WINE (Jesus the True Vine)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

O Agápe - Rory Cooney (during the Distribution)

Please gather at the back of the Sanctuary and come forward down the centre aisle to receive the elements. Communion is received by bread, as well as gluten free wafers. Please return to your seat by the side aisles.

*To receive Communion in your pew,
please indicate this when the usher arrives at your row.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Filled with a Spirit that calls us to dwell in possibility,
we leave this table strengthened with food for our journey
and a vision of life as it can be: one diverse family,
living in justice and peace. Amen.

☪☪ **VU 147** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

SENDING FORTH AND SUNG BLESSING

☪☪ **VU 118** *Wonder and Stare*

POSTLUDE

Cortège solennel - Léon Boëllmann

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Greeter	Susan Irving
Hospitality	Jan Bryant, Mary LeRoy
Counter	Mike Hartlin

TODAY

- **12 pm: Lenten Adult Education Study Group** is being offered at Chalmers United Church, on Sunday mornings following service in the upstairs Round Room. We will be using Marcus J. Borg's *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith* as our guide. All are welcome and those interested are asked to contact Grace McBride via email <grace-mcbride@live.com> **There will NOT be a Lenten Study on Easter April 21.** (*Please bring indoor shoes or slippers to wear upstairs.*)
- **7 pm: Sunday Perspectives: *The Woman Who Loves Giraffes***
At the Screening Room, 120 Princess St. In the 1950s, a giraffe-obsessed young Canadian named Anne Innis Dagg bucked the societal conventions of her times by traveling to Africa and becoming the first person to conduct a study of African wildlife in its natural habitat. Though her discoveries helped galvanize efforts to protect the species, Dagg herself was hardly invulnerable to the effects of the chauvinism that prevailed in academia. Combining a recreation of Dagg's original journey with a vivid portrait of its subject in the present, Alison Reid's documentary shines the spotlight on a woman who was just as intrepid in her pioneering work as a scientist as she was as a fighter for women's rights and a defender of the impossibly long-necked creature that she's loved since childhood. *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. Hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Chalmers United, St. Mark's Lutheran and St. Luke's Anglican.

COMING UP

Wednesday, April 17

- **7 pm: Mindfulness Meditation** **There will NOT be a Mindfulness Meditation Session on April 17th.** If you have any questions, please email <grace-mcbride@live.com>.

Thursday, April 18

- **12 pm: Catered lunches** which include a hot entrée, salad, dessert and tea and coffee are served every Thursday 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Chalmers needs a new Transition Team member:** There should be four from each of Chalmers and Sydenham Street and Chalmers needs to entice one more member to be even. The Transition Team plays a vital and prescribed role in this period of interim ministry: members work collaboratively with our Intentional Interim Minister, Rev Barry King, "to implement agreed upon goals and guide the community of faith in the process of determining its future mission." For more information, or if you are interested in joining, in your role as part of this essential and enthusiastic team, please contact a current Chalmers team member: Al Fletcher <afletcher8@cogeco.ca>, Monika Holzschuh <monika.holzschuh@queensu.ca>, Rosemary MacLachlan <mmlachlan@cogeco.ca> or Barry King <barry.king@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com>.

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Worshipping Sundays Together
at Sydenham Street United in April and at Chalmers United in May
then at Sydenham Street United for June and July