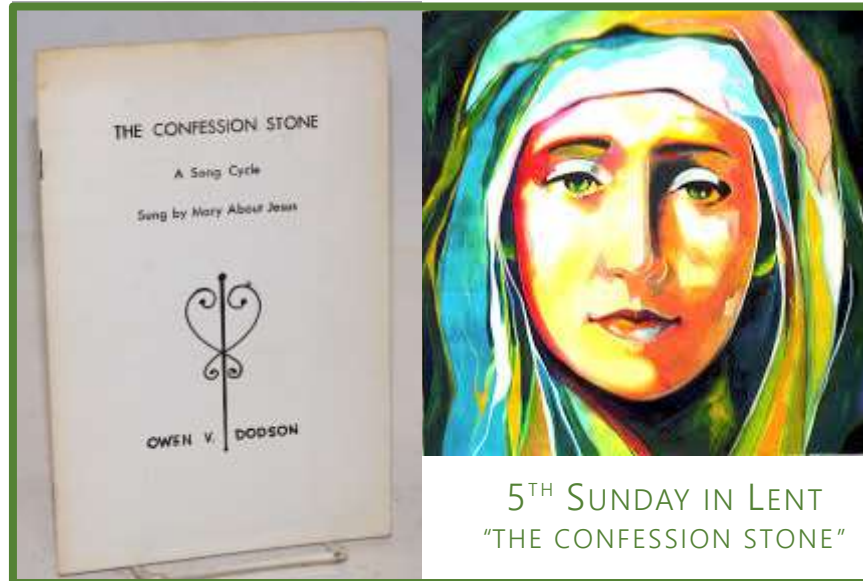




SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



10:30 am

April 7, 2019

The Rev. Barry King INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTER

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Hours: CUC Mondays & Tuesdays 9:30am - 1:30pm

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 Hope Yen and Lynn Freeman for Christian stories and activities. Please meet in the Conference Room when prompted.

Washrooms are located in the Clergy St. foyer.

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

<www.chalmersunitedchurch.co>

OFFICE HOURS

Chalmers and Sydenham St Church House Offices: 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.

"I wish I could show you when you are lonely or in the darkness
the astonishing light of your own being." - Hafiz

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Komm, süsster Tod - J. S. Bach, arr. E. A. Kraft

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

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Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery - VU 121, verse 5

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

O Holy One, we long to open our hearts to you,
to love you with all that we are, all that we have,
and all that we are becoming by your grace.

**In this sacred time by the tender encouragement of the Spirit,
may the door of our hearts, open just enough
to remember what it's like to trust, to allow Spirit light,
to illumine and lead us back to you. Amen**

☞☞ VU 380 *She Comes Sailing on the Wind*

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.

seated MV 146 *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.

🌀 VU pg. 899 *Song of Mary*

THE CONFESSION STONE

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Katharine Smithrim

by Robert Fleming, Text: Owen Dodson (*please see insert*)

This is a cycle of songs written by the Canadian composer Robert Fleming to words by the American poet Owen Dodson. These are songs of Mary – the mother of Jesus. They are the poet's conception of Mary's thoughts about herself and others on that hard stone of confession on which most of us kneel at some time in our lives.

Silence

🌀 VU 137 *The Love That Clothes Itself in Light* Tune: St Cross

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

Bist du bei mir - J. S. Bach

arr. E. A. Kraft

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

seated VU 632 *O Blessed Spring*

verse 5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

🌀 VU 713 *I See a New Heaven*

SENDING FORTH AND SUNG BLESSING

When Rooks Fly Homeward - Arthur Baynon

POSTLUDE

Chorale prelude, *Erbarm' dich mein, O Herre Gott* - J. S. Bach

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

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| Soprano Soloist | Katharine Smithrim |
| Greeter | Jack Soule |
| Hospitality | Jim Berry, Diane Soule |
| Counter | Joan Simeon |

TODAY

- **12 pm: Lenten Adult Education Study Group** is now changed from 9 am and 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 be NO Lenten Study on Easter April 21. (*Note: Please bring indoor shoes or slippers to wear upstairs. Thank you.*)
- **7 pm: Attendees of the Sunday Evening services** of Music and Reflection have decided to join the noon Adult Christian Education Study Group. For more information, please contact Grace McBride at <grace-mcbride@live.com>.
- **Truth and Reconciliation Books:** are available for borrowing at coffee time after church in the hall. They include fiction and non fiction and some for children. Do investigate at the T & R table.

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>.
- **Please welcome Elsie Chico**, our Office Administrator for The Spire who starts on Monday. She has been contracted to help manage the rental contracts and events for The Spire. In addition, she will provide SSUC office support, as required, and maintain the database of the SSUC members. She and Don Mitchell will continue to book room requests for SSUC members and our committee meetings. Please note this work has been done, on a volunteer basis for the last 13 months, by Ruth Ranson and we again thank her. Ruth will be helping with Elsie's orientation and training over the next few weeks. Elsie lives in Kingston, recently from Toronto and was the successful applicant from among over 50 who applied. She has expertise in both Microsoft and Macintosh operating systems, database management, and web-site design and advertising. She has worked directly with clients in finance companies and with research positions at Mount Sinai Hospital where ethical and confidentiality issues are important. She will report to Don Mitchell and will work mornings from 9:30 to 12:00. She may be

reached by telephone at 613-549-9616 ext. 202 or by e-mail at <sydenham@kos.net>.

- **Celebration Time!!!** Inviting any SSUC and CUC folks interested in joining our planning group to put in place activities to celebrate SSUC being an Affirming Ministry for 20 years!!! We are excited about this special occasion and invite friends to help with the celebration. Please contact Linda Hutchinson <hutchinl@kingston.net> or 613-542-7645



COMING UP

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).
- **7 pm: Chalmers' Co-ordinating Council of Elders (CCE)** will meet in the rear of the Chalmers' sanctuary.

Wednesday, April 10

- **7 pm: Mindfulness Meditation** is being offered upstairs in the 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 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>. There will NOT be a Mindfulness Meditation Session on April 17th.

Thursday, April 11

- **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.

Saturday, June 1

- **9 am-4 pm: Re-Imagining Places of Faith Workshop** Join us at this unique event where local faith groups, heritage and community organizations will share their experience, concerns and creative solutions to the challenges confronting places of faith in Eastern Ontario in an interactive and engaging format. Location: The Spire, 82 Sydenham St. \$25. Contact Penny Shaman 613-766-2599 or <PShaman@cogeco.ca>. If you are interested follow the link.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/re-imagining-places-of-faith-tickets-57529514326>

A STORY FROM THE CHALMERS' BENEVOLENT FUND PROGRAM

Last week, a friend of the Chalmers' Benevolent Program died. We met him over 20 years ago when he called needing assistance. In March of 2009, almost ten years to the day, he started coming to Chalmers' Church House in need, often demanding to receive a grocery card. At times he was angry and belligerent, to the point staff worried for their safety. Everyone, including himself, knew he had a temper. Finding ways to calmly interact, allowed a relationship to form over the years. He knew if he threatened or bullied volunteers or staff, he would be refused assistance.

Then he changed. He sought and received help from Street Health and mental health professionals. He found a place to live. The number of crisis' reduced. He took his meds, was polite, was willing to wait his turn in line for the Tuesday morning assistance program. As his visits continued, we began to appreciate him and his sense of humour in our monthly chats. He rented a room in a modest apartment from a couple we know with young children. They found him to be a good tenant, a friend, and they got on well.

When he didn't emerge for his morning cup of coffee, his housemates knocked on his door, no answer. They entered, and found him in his chair, dead from a heart attack (likely hereditary) at age, 42. Appalled, they closed the door to shield their children from the scene, called the police, and coped with the aftermath.

Despite years of interaction, little was known about his personal life, other than the next imminent crisis that he needed solved. The police notified his mother. While still in shock, she felt the need to call the church, expressing her gratitude for the help he received all these years, and for the respect we showed towards him and his deep-seated need for independence. She shared, while never diagnosed, she thought he may have had Asperger's. We already miss him. We are all still dealing with this painful experience. How many in Kingston share the same story?

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- **Booking a Room at Chalmers United:** please call 613-546-3263 ext. 222 or email <office@chalmersunitedchurch.com>

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