

CHALMERS AND SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



"IN-BETWEEN"

10:30 AM MAY 19, 2019

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Open: 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.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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 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
<www.chalmersunitedchurch.com>

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 Office: Mon to Thurs 9:30am-4:30pm

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.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

☞☞ 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

A Flower Idyl - Edward MacDowell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

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INTROIT

seated **VU 179** *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks* refrain only, sung 2x

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

We greet the day with gratitude . . .

Gratitude for the past

a time of living and being when we celebrated and grieved, joys and sorrows, which were part of our lives.

Gratitude for the present

a time of living and being when we again celebrate joys, but also find ourselves confronting issues and situations which are new and sometimes troublesome.

Gratitude for the future

yet to be revealed but filled with possibilities – some challenging but at the same time exciting – as we follow the call of the Spirit to “do a new thing”.

We greet the day with gratitude

gratitude in abundance for our past, our present and our future.

☞☞ **VU 382** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

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**

Acts 11: 1 – 18

Read from *The Message*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth - John Rutter

POEM *In A World of In-between (responsive)* Norm Esdon

*Like shorebirds living between sand and surf
we live in a world of in-between –
between punching the clock and smelling the roses,
serving others and renewing ourselves;
between hanging on and letting go,
sticking with the old and risking the new;
between speaking truth and sparing feelings,
seeking justice and avoiding division;
between the economy and the environment,
the "loonie" and the loon;
between computer byte and human touch,
avoiding harassment and needing a hug;
between who we are and what others think we should be,
who we are and who we may become.*

*We are shorebirds living
between cross and rolled-away stone;
between the alpha and the omega,
the beginning and the end.*

*And the spirit of the one
who walked this shore before us
walks with us,
hallows this in-between world
as God's world --*

*We are not alone;
Thanks be to God.*

@Norm SD Esdon

SERMON

"IN-BETWEEN"

Bruce Hutchinson

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

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

Green Grass - Alexander Gretchaninov

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

🎨 VU 540 *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

seated VU 948 *O God, Hear My Prayer*

seated VU pg. 914 *Lord's Prayer*

🎨 VU 713 *I See a New Heaven*

SENDING FORTH AND SUNG CHORAL BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata and Fugue in A minor - Gottlieb Muffat

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Thank you to Leaders Linda and Bruce Hutchinson
Reader/Greeter Norm Esdon
Hospitality No after service coffee available today.
Counter Jean Sills
Sound Techs Brigitta Holzschuh, Monika Holzschuh

TODAY



Flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of
**Maureen, Laretta and Bob Galt and
Tom and Ruth Burns**

from Cathy and Bill Galt
and



in loving memory of our Mothers
from Doug and Jean MacLean

- **Please Note: Rev. King will be away** on Vacation from Mon. May 13 to Mon. May 20. Please contact Marylil Megginson for Pastoral Care emergencies at 613-544-9420 or <marylil@kos.net>.

COMING UP

On Sundays from now until Pentecost (June 9)

- **Congregational Art Project:** Both congregations will be creating a woven cloth for our communion tables, that will be an expression of our faith, and a symbol of weaving together our worship services. You will be invited to come forward and write, on part of a strip of fabric, words from Scripture, a prayer, a favourite hymn, etc. The strips will then be woven into the cloth. Our hope is to create together a beautiful and intriguing statement of working together to express our faith!
- **Thank you** to those who brought in supplies for the Benevolent Fund.

Wednesday, May 22

- **11 am: Ground-Breaking Ceremony at The Spire** Please join us on Wednesday, May 22nd, at the William St entrance to The Spire to help us celebrate a significant achievement. We have been successful in raising the necessary funding, and in June will start construction of a project to make the William St. entrance fully accessible. There will be brief speeches from our MP – Mark Gerretsen, our MPP – Ian Arthur, and the Mayor – Bryan Paterson. Following the ceremony there will be a reception in the Lower Hall. All are welcome!
- **7 pm: Mindfulness Meditation** has ceased for the season.

Thursday, May 23

- **12 pm: Catered lunches** will resume in the Fall.

Tuesday, May 28

- **7 pm: Chalmers' CCE** will meet at the back of Chalmers' sanctuary. **Please NOTE** the May 14th meeting was postponed.
- **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 and of course your knitting/crocheting. There will be a blessing of the prayer shawls and squares at the Sunday Service on the 28th of May. We have lots of donated wool waiting for someone to knit or crochet. Everyone is welcome. More information <sdoerksenca@yahoo.ca>.

Saturday, June 1

- **9 am to 4 pm: Re-Imagining Places of Faith** (*see insert for details*)

Monday, June 3

- **7 pm: CFB Kingston's Community Volunteer Communications & Electronics Band's Annual Spring Concert** at The Spire, in support of the Outreach Activities of SSUC. No tickets required. \$10 suggested.

Tuesday, June 11

- **12 pm: SSUC is organizing a Spring "Just Lunch" event for Tuesday June 11th at Cornwall's in Rockport**, just east of the 1,000 Islands Bridge. We will gather at Cornwall's (which is just a few steps east of The Boathouse Restaurant and under the same management). This event is open to everyone in our 2 Church Circle. Please register with Meikle Turner 613-542-7744, email <meikle_irish@yahoo.com> by 6 pm June 9th. When you do register please be aware that there will be **a carpool / car convoy option**. This reduces our carbon footprint and is lots of fun. We leave the home of Sylvia & Kenn Mann, 4 Huntsmill Crescent (Kingston East) at 11 am. * Need more info? Contact Meikle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Invitation to explore more at Chalmers:** Each week running up to the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 09, we are sending out the Annual Reports from the various committees. Should you be interested in any more information, or even better, in joining one of the teams, please contact Lynne <sirwinstonis@cogeco.ca>, Bob <rlittle@CSwan.com> or Joan <jsimeon601@gmail.com>
- **Chalmers needs a new Transition Team member:** There should be four from each of Chalmers and Sydenham Street and Chalmers needs 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 info 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>.

- Transition Team Update:** Since last September, the Transition Team, with representation from both congregations, has been collecting your thoughts and questions about our shared Ministry. Transition Team members have staffed the 'conversation table' during coffee hour after nearly every service in both churches for the past eight months, and we're pleased that so many of you have sat down to share your ideas. Although we will no longer be sitting at a table after services, we will be happy to hear (and scribe) your visions of our journey in shared Ministry as we move toward the next stages of exploration and visioning for the future. In June, we will host a **Community Round Table Discussion**, to which you are invited to partake as facilitators or scribes. We would like to strengthen and extend our connections to the wider community and have invited community members to help us learn the role our congregations could have within the downtown core of Kingston to meet a wider mission that extends beyond the walls of our sanctuaries. So, please continue to talk to us! The members of the Transition Team are: Rosemary MacLachlan, Al Fletcher, Donna Delyea, Ian Malcolm, Ross Drummond, and co-Chairs Monika Holzschuh and Deborah Elliott.
- Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the success of our *Spirit Bear Tea* to raise awareness about Jordan's principle and the call for equal treatment for all First Nations children. Through your generosity, we have raised \$2,220.00 to support the work of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society. We will be sending this collective gift to Cindy Blackstock and the FNCFCs in the coming week. If you haven't donated and want to add your contribution, please give it to any member of the Joint Truth and Reconciliation group (Lynn Freeman, Barb Parrott, Rosemary McLachlan, Juliet Huntly, Anya Hagerman, Michael Cooke, Kate Mackrell, James Leake, Barry King).

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