

CHALMERS AND SYDENHAM STREET  
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA  
SHARING WORSHIP



*If I Threw a Stone* by Richard Stine

**"COME AND SEE"**

10:30 am      May 5, 2019

**The Rev. Barry King** INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTER

**Email:** [barry.king@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com](mailto:barry.king@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com)

**Minister at Chalmers:** 613-546-3263 ext. 226

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

**Minister at Sydenham Street:** 613-542-9616 ext. 203

**Hours:** SSUC Wednesdays & Thursdays 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

**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)

212 Barrie St. Kingston ON K7L 3K3 p 613-546-3263 f 613-546-3340  
e <office@chalmersunitedchurch.com> <Facebook.com/chalmersunited>

**Web** <www.chalmersunitedchurch.com>

**Rentals/room bookings** 613-546-3263 x 222

**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.

82 Sydenham St. Kingston ON K7L 3H4

p 613-546-3263 x 221 **Rentals/room bookings** 613-542-9616 x 201  
e sydenham@kos.net f 613-542-8784 **Web** <www.sydenhamstreet.ca>  
Facebook.com/Sydenham-Street-United-Church

## 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.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

**"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength,  
while loving someone deeply gives you courage"** - Lao Tzu

*☞ 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

*Verse for the (Double) Organ - Christopher Gibbons*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

### INTROIT

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

### GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

God of the story.

**Calls us by name....so that we know,  
Calls us to you....so that we live,  
Calls us into the world....so that we care,  
Calls us to risk....so that we trust beyond our selves.**

You speak – we listen – and comes life.

Abundant, beyond all that we ask or think.....

*☞☞ One in Love, We Meet Together*

**One in love, we meet together, one in time, and never apart.  
We in flesh as brother, sister makes us one in mind and heart.**

**All incarnate, we would offer, all we most sincerely prize,  
Learning though traditions differ  
how they join to make us wise.**

**One in outlook, always searching not to bind in common creed,  
As a people, be more ready to respond to other's need.  
Here we are so finely fashioned, understanding, here to serve,  
Never narrow in compassion, empathy without reserve.**

**As in Christ, may we discover that to give is to receive,  
that in God the good is present, ever, always we perceive.**

**Not by chance the world's creation,  
not by chance was life begun,**

**God is love and our vocation is to love 'til love is won**

*Text adopted by Betty Van Till, Tune Hyfrydol VU 333 with permission*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy One, we are your people and mostly we don't mind,  
except that you do not fit any of our categories.  
We keep pushing and pulling and twisting and turning.  
Trying to make you fit the God we would rather have,  
and every time we distort you that way, we end up  
with an idol more congenial to us.  
In our honest moments of grief and pain  
we are very glad that you are who you are.  
So be your faithful self and by your very engagement  
in the suffering world, transform the world  
as you are being changed. Amen.

**COMMUNITY ART PROJECT**

**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.

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42 Charmaine Puszkar

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

*Still, Still with Thee* - Fred Gramann Bill Egnatoff, flute

**SERMON**

**"COME AND SEE"** Rev. Barry King

🌀 **MV 89** *Love Is the Touch*

**COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE**

**OFFERTORY**

*Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand* - Dietrich Buxtehude

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

🌀 **VU 540** *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

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

🌀 VU 581 *When We Are Living*

## SENDING FORTH AND SUNG CHORAL BLESSING

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

## POSTLUDE

*Fantasia in C – G.P. Telemann*

## TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

**Greeter** Charmaine Puszkas  
**Hospitality** Property Committee  
**Counter** Bill Galt

## TODAY AND COMING UP

- **Following Service: Chalmers' Vision Statement Discussions** will take place for all Chalmers' people interested in a discussion about a proposed new Vision Statement. Please get your coffee and join us at the back of the sanctuary. Following the congregational forum on a recent Saturday morning, at which there was a good discussion and much agreement about Mission and Vision, a small group has been working on crafting an updated Vision Statement for Chalmers. The group has drawn on our current statement, the suggested one from the Jubilee Report and all the comments from the Saturday participants. It is hoped we can present a new Vision Statement for approval at the June 9<sup>th</sup> AGM. It would then be our guide as we consider the broader scope of our Mission.
- **12 pm: Study Group** is being offered at Chalmers United Church, on Sunday mornings following the service. We are using Marcus J. Borg's *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith* as our guide. All are welcome. Those interested in attending are asked to contact Grace McBride via email <grace-mcbride@live.com>
- **2:30 pm: Join the Kingston Choral Society** for *All Together Different*, at The Spire - traditional and contemporary choral music fused with the fluidity of jazz, featuring Jonathan Stewart (saxophone), Marianne Trudel and Clare Miller (piano).

**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!

**Monday, May 6**

- **12 pm: SSUC Just Lunch:** Members and friends of Sydenham Street and Chalmers are invited to come to either (or both) of our SSUC gatherings on May 6 and June 11. May 6 will take place at The Greek Islands Restaurant on the Bath Rd. north side between the Salvation Army Thrift Store & Portsmouth Ave. Please register with Meikle Turner 613-542-7744 email <meikle\_irish@yahoo.com> by 6 pm Sun. May 5.

**Wednesday, May 8**

- **7 pm: Mindfulness Meditation** is being offered at Chalmers United. There is no cost. All are welcome to join this group. If you have any questions, please email Grace McBride <grace-mcbride@live.com>.

**Thursday, May 9**

- **11:30 am: Keeping in Touch Service of Communion and Luncheon** at Chalmers. Following the service, there will be a catered luncheon combined with the regular Thursday Lunch group.
- **12 pm: Thursday weekly catered lunches** will end with the Keeping in Touch Luncheon and recommence in the Fall.

**Friday, May 10**

- **4 pm: Spirit Bear's Birthday Tea:** please see insert for details

**Sunday, May 12**

- **7 pm: Sunday Perspectives** at the Screening Room showing *Amazing Grace*. A documentary presenting the live recording of Aretha Franklin's album *Amazing Grace* at The New Bethel Baptist Church in Watts, Los Angeles in January 1972. "*It will make you feel as if you've seen the face of God.*" *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.

### **Tuesday, May 14**

- **11:30 am: Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** The final meeting for 2018-19 will be held at the Best Western Bistro Stefan Restaurant, 1217 Princess St. As has been our tradition, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our meeting will be informal with an opportunity to reflect on the past year's program and begin planning for next year. Everyone is welcome! Individuals currently on call lists will be contacted by their team captains. Others wishing to attend and/or to have their name added to a call list, please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or <meikle\_irish@yahoo.com> before 7 pm Sun. May 12 so that adequate accommodation can be arranged. The cost for the luncheon, including tax & gratuity, is \$22. per person (a \$20 bill plus a toonie, please).

### **Tuesday, May 28**

- **7 pm: Chalmers' CCE** will meet at the back of the Chalmers' sanctuary. **Please NOTE** that the May 14th meeting has been postponed.

### **Tuesday, June 11**

- **12 pm: SSUC Just Lunch** at Rockport, past the 1,000 Islands Bridge. Note: A car convoy & car-pooling option will be available for this location. Please register with Meikle Turner 613-542-7744, email <meikle\_irish@yahoo.com> by 6 pm June 9.

## 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 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>.
- **Looking for a room:** "I'm a Master's of Divinity student at the United Theological College in Montreal, and I'm going to be in Kingston this summer (from early May through late July) for Supervised Pastoral Education at Providence Care, as part of my education for ministry. I don't have many connections in Kingston, and so I've been having some difficulty in finding affordable housing. Would any of your members be interested in taking on a low-cost boarder for the summer, or need a house-sitter, or anything similar"? Thank you for considering! Please let me know if I can provide any further information. Hannah Bailey <hannah.lynn.bailey@gmail.com> Sincerely, Hannah Bailey

- **Chalmers' Stamp Program:** Please save your cancelled stamps from home or business mail. The corner of the envelope is all that is required. Place stamps in the box at the back of Chalmers' sanctuary or drop them off at the Church Office. (Use mail slot if the Office is closed). The value of used stamps goes toward new stamps, saving annual postage costs.
- **The Benevolent Fund Program** is in need of shampoos, conditioner, small bags of laundry soap, toothbrushes and 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 heat up or freeze. Thank you.



Flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of  
**Pamela and George Carson.**  
 from their daughter, Barbara



During February and March 2019,  
 donations have been made in memory of  
**Barbara MacNaughton**

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