



SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



“GOD IN DRY PLACES”

10:30 am September 1, 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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

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

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Growing Spirits Craft materials are set out on a table in the sanctuary. Children may quietly engage with the materials at the table or take some supplies back to their pews. Growing Spirits, our regular children's program, will resume on Sun. Sept. 8th.

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

<www.chalmersunitedchurch.com>

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.

**“Faith does not need to push the river
because faith is able to trust that there is a river.
The river is flowing. We are in it.” - Richard Rohr**

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

☞ 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

*Loure in A minor - G. P. Telemann
Cantabile and Fugue*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

☞ **VU 390** *How Great the Mystery of Faith*

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

We live at mystery's edge, watching for a startling
luminescence or a word to guide us.

**In fragile occurrence the Holy One presents oneself
and we must pause....**

Daily, there are glimmers, reflections of seamless mercy
revealed in common intricacies.

**These circles of grace spill out round us and announce
that we are part of this mystery.**

CENTERING PRAYER

**Holy One in this sacred time, by the tender encouragement
of Spirit, may the door of our hearts open just enough
to remember what it is like to trust, to allow Spirit light
to illumine and lead us back to you. Receive our silent
meditation....to be open and present in this time...**

silence

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.**

Exodus 17: 1-7

Mary Ev Wyatt

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

SERMON

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 **MV 144** *Like a Healing Stream*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

AFFIRMING CELEBRATION MINUTE Linda Hutchinson

OFFERTORY

Gracias a la vida - Violeta Parra

Margaret Moncrieff, soloist

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

**With this offering, we present also ourselves:
all that we have been, all that we are,
and all that we shall become.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

silence

seated *Break Down the Walls* - Margaret Moncrieff

Margaret Moncrieff, soloist

A seed has been planted in the heart
Watered by tears, broken open with compassion
Let the roots take hold where the soil has been disturbed
And show the way to light
Show the way to peace
Where everyone can grow in love

Let it grow
Let the roots of justice take hold
Let it grow compassion in our souls
Let it grow 'til every soul is fed
And 'til everyone has a roof overhead

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

🌀 MV 161 *I Have Called You by Your Name*

SENDING FORTH AND SUNG CHORAL BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

Bourrée in A - G. P. Telemann

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Greeter Mary Ev Wyatt
Counter Gerald McGrath

We thank all who volunteered their time and talents during our summer services to offer their special gifts of music ministry. Choral offerings will resume next Sunday.

Choir rehearsals begin again this Thursday at 7:15 p.m. in the Upper Hall at Sydenham Street United Church. New and returning singers are welcome. For more information, please contact Minister of Music David Melhorn-Boe.

COMING UP

Tuesday, Sept. 10

- **5 pm: Chalmers' CCE** will meet in the rear of Chalmers' Sanctuary.

Monday, Sept. 16

- **5-7:30 pm: A Potluck** hosted by the Transition Team will be held for the Sydenham Street Executive, Chalmers' Council of Elders, and the Joint Implementation Team

BREAKING BREAD AND SHARING STORIES

The Transition Team will be hosting two luncheon events for members of both congregations to attend. This will provide an opportunity for all of you to get to know each other over a meal.

Please mark your calendars so you will be able to attend both of these.

Sunday, Sept. 29

- Breaking Bread and Sharing Stories

Sunday, Oct. 27

- Breaking Bread and Sharing stories

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHALMERS' MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chalmers needs to find volunteers to form a Ministry and Personnel Committee. If you are interested, please have a look at two documents related to Ministry and Personnel on the United Church of Canada's website: www.united-church.ca

Ministry and Personnel Committees: Policy, Procedures, Practices
(January 2019)

Ministry and Personnel Committees: Resources for Ministry and Personnel Committees (January 2019)

Volunteers will be expected to read both manuals and then sit down for an interview. If you are interested, please contact either Lynne Clarke (clarkelc@icloud.com) or Bob Little (rlittle@cswan.com).

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Worshipping Sundays Together
at Sydenham Street United in September
then at Chalmers United in October



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY - SIGN-UP

Members of Small Groups find friendship and opportunities for casual conversation about important matters like social justice, and spirituality. Small Groups are one way people find that they can be church to and for each other. **This year you can sign up on-line!**

Email either one of us with the following information:
Name, Phone number, Email address, and Group preference.

Leaders

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We will send you a confirmation and add your name to the appropriate sign-up sheet.

Active Small Groups

Book Group, Evening Book Group, Coffee Hour Hosts, Two Church Lunch and Learn Group, Pop-up Discussion Groups, The Fixers, Greeters & Readers, Hiking Group, Just Lunch, Movie & Coffee, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Community Garden.

The SSUC Small Group Ministry welcomes everyone. There is always room for a new group with a new interest, or a new group with the same interest at a different time, etc.

Sign-up sheets

Will also be available after worship on September 1st and 8th during coffee time in the Lower Hall, Sydenham Street United Church.

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