



SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



“LOVE – Intentional, Sacrificial, Universal”

10:30 am September 15, 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 Children are invited to meet with Hope Yen and Lynn Freeman in the Conference Room, First Floor, 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

<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.

**"BEING DEEPLY LOVED BY SOMEONE GIVES YOU STRENGTH,
WHILE LOVING SOMEONE DEEPLY GIVES YOU COURAGE" – LAO TZU**

14th 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

Largo in G - William Boyce
Andante in B flat - Maurice Greene

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

INTROIT

The Earth and All Who Breathe VU 295, verse 1

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Imagine a community where people join together
from all backgrounds and traditions.

Imagine the unity.

Imagine a community that celebrates diversity,
seeing difference as strength.

Imagine the excitement.

Imagine a community that creates heaven on earth, rather than
waiting for another life.

Imagine the integrity.

Imagine a community that invites questions,
rather than forcing answers.

Imagine the openness.

Imagine a community that honors inner wisdom and collective
imagination.

Imagine the empowerment.

Imagine a community that seeks to be the change it wishes to see
in the world.

Imagine the renewal.

☞ **VU 221** *Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped*

CENTERING PRAYER

Encircle and Embrace us, Holy One.

Visit us in small spaces.

Splash summertime epiphanies on our paths.

Grace us to see them.

Music-maker Spirit, sing through our forests,

splash in our rivers, dance in our fields.

You are here, we are here.

Encircle us with your love. Amen

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome Leo Douglas Asfour,
son of Rebecca Douglas and Ramzi Asfour into the Christian community.

INVITATION TO BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

One: On behalf of the congregations
of Chalmers and Sydenham St United,
I present **Leo Douglas Asfour** for initiation
into the body of Christ through baptism.....

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES

One: Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

Parents: I do, by the grace of God.

One: Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ,
do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

Parents: I will, God being my helper.

One: Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
in your words and actions?

Parents: I will, God being my helper.

One: Will you join with your brothers and sisters
in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence,
live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

Parents: I will, God being my helper.

One: Will you share your faith with your child,
growing with them in faith, hope and love?

Parents: I will, God being my helper.

One: Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

**Congregation: As a baptized and baptizing church,
we commit ourselves to support
and uphold you within the community of faith.**

One: May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

All: **Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A NEW CREED

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and
others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE POURING OF WATER
THE ACT OF BAPTISM FOR Leo Douglas Asfour**

THE BLESSING

MARKING WITH OIL IN THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE AND CERTIFICATE

DECLARATION AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

One: into the household of faith,
we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

All: **We are members of the Body of Christ.
We are the inheritors of God's promise.
In the name of Christ, we welcome you.**

Families return to their seats.

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.**

John 15: 9-17

Norm Esdon

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

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth - John Rutter

SERMON

"LOVE – Intentional, Sacrificial, Universal" Rev. Barry King

☪☪ **VU 578** *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

Siciliano in D minor - John Stanley

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 & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion come, may your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need; and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors; and do not put us to the test,
but rescue us from evil.
For yours is the dominion, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen

🌀 MV 135 *Called by Earth and Sky*

SENDING FORTH AND SUNG CHORAL BLESSING

Creation Now Awaits

VU 295, verse 3

Creation now awaits humanity's rebirth
at last to claim one common aim: to nurture life on earth.
Awake, all human-kind, the challenge now embrace;
apply your strength, your voice, your means,
as stewards of God's grace.

POSTLUDE

Double Fugue in G - William Boyce

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Greeter	Jack Soule
Hospitality	Jan Bryant, Diane Soule
Counter	Rosemary MacLachlan

COMING UP

Suggested Reading: The CCE would like to share with you that they will be spending some time at each Council meeting over the next few months spending some time reading and discussing what we learn from the book – **Promise and Peril: Understanding and Managing Change and Conflict in Congregations**. As congregants you are also encouraged if you wish, to read this book so you might learn what wisdom it offers us at this time in our lives. The book is available to purchase online in Kindle or paperback on Amazon.ca and Chapters/Indigo bookstore. Price - \$27.69



Choir rehearsals have resumed on Thursday evenings at 7:15 pm.

Rehearsals during September will be held at Sydenham Street United Church in the Upper Hall. Anyone high school age or older who loves to sing and has at least basic sight-reading skills is welcome. For further information, please contact David Melhorn-Boe, 613-546-3264.

Chalmers Book Table If you have enjoyed some reading this summer and would like someone else to have the same pleasure, please consider donating your book(s) to the Chalmers Book Table found in the foyer by MacCallum Hall. It would be appreciated. Thank you.

Sunday, Sept. 15

- **7 pm: Sunday Perspectives** *The Peanut Butter Falcon* is an adventure story set in the world of a modern Mark Twain. It begins when Zak (22), a young man with Down syndrome, runs away from a residential nursing home to pursue his dream of becoming a pro wrestler, a man who has Down syndrome befriends an outlaw who becomes his coach and ally.

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

Thursday, Sept. 19

- **6:30pm (Doors open at 6pm) : Speaker: Dr. Dianne Saxe**, an internationally recognized Canadian lawyer who is rated among the top 25 environmental lawyers in the world. Her message is, "Speak up...and help create a better world." At St. George's Cathedral. Admission is free. A Goodwill offering is welcomed. It is sponsored by the Anglican Green Group: Their mission is to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. For more information, contact Paula Walker at pbwalker@xplornet.ca

Sunday, September 22

- **10:30 am: SAVE THE DATE: P.I.E. . . . and pie!!**
Learn all about P.I.E. (Public, Intentional & Explicit) at worship on Sun. Sept 22nd . . . and eat some delicious pie – savory and sweet - at a pie luncheon following worship. Proceeds from the suggested donation of \$6.00 - or more if you wish - will be given to SSUC's Tuesday morning food voucher program. Everyone is welcome!



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. **Sun. Sept. 29 and Sun. Oct. 27** - Breaking Bread and Sharing Stories – **please RSVP** by email to Rev. King: barry.king@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com or sign up on the sheet in the Hall

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).