



SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



"THE UPSIDE – DOWN LOGIC OF THE GOSPEL"
10:30 am SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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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.

"The connection between what we hope for and our own self is a field of infinite power and potential that can open doors that seemed to be closed or were invisible to start with. What we seek also seeks us."

13TH 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

Trumpet Voluntary in C - Simon Stublely
Adagio, Allegro moderato

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

INTROIT

The Earth and All Who Breathe VU 295, verse 1

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Come, you have a story to tell.

**Once we were lost and could not find our way,
but Jesus who came to seek and show compassion, found us!**

Come, you have a story to tell.

**Of being in prison, held by someone or something that
would not let you go. Then one day, the dungeon shook,
the chains fell off and the Holy One set us free.**

Come, you have a story to tell. Of rescue, of provision,
of healing, of a vision of the Living One.

**We come to worship; we come to pray;
we come to sing; we have a testimony!**

☞ **MV 1** *Let Us Build a House* verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

CENTERING PRAYER

**God of surprises, startle us with truth we do not see
amaze us with your power and grace, beckon us,
and lead us far above restricted hope and narrow faith. Amen**

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.

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 Rosemary MacLachlan

Luke 14: 25-33

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

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love - Hal Hopson

SERMON

Rev. Barry King

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☞ VU 563 *Jesus You have Come to the Lakeshore*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

Cornet Voluntary in A minor – Anonymous 18th century

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

☞ *We Are Called* Tune: Hyfrydol VU 333 Words: Beverley Humphreys
Christ has called us to each other,
Linked in one humanity
Color, culture, class or gender,
break the chains to set us free.
Hold the hand of friend or stranger,
hold the dreams of age and youth.
Hold the cynic and the searcher,
as we journey to the truth.

Christ has challenged every motive,
and disturbed all stale belief
Re-imagining the future,
scattering vision, healing grief.
Open doors will welcome homeless,
open eyes will see the need
Open hands will work in friendship,
sharing love instead of greed.

Christ will use all that we offer,
build the Kingdom in this space
Living stones of strength and weakness,
each unique and in its place.
Art and science, thoughts and actions,
human struggles, near and far
Christ transforms and answers questions,
in our search for who we are.

Christ has called us to this moment,
time of change and new ideas
Re-imagining the future,
bringing hope, despite our fears
Open minds explore potential,
open arms embrace each child
Open hearts live out His purpose -
all creation reconciled.

SENDING FORTH AND SUNG CHORAL BLESSING

🌀 VU 295 *Creation Now Awaits*

verse 3

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G - Henry Heron
Largo, Fugue

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Greeter Mike Hartlin
Hospitality Peter Goheen, Jim Berry
Counter Mary Davis Little

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

COMING UP

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.

Tuesday, Sept. 10

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

Sunday, Sept. 15

- **7 pm: Sunday Perspectives** *The Peanut Butter Falcon* is an adventure story set in the world of a modern Mark Twain that 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

Sunday, September 22

- **10:30 am: SAVE THE DATE: P.I.E.**

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.

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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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

Barbara Parrott: parrottb@hotmail.com

Sue Doerksen: sdoerksenca@yahoo.ca

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 8th and 15th during coffee time in the Lower Hall, Sydenham Street United Church.

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