

CHALMERS AND SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



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"THE POETRY OF CREATION"
10:30 AM OCTOBER 13, 2019
THANKSGIVING

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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

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

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

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Growing Spirits There is no children's program this weekend.

Washrooms are in the Clergy St. foyer.

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 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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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: Tuesday to Thursday 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.

"In nature, improbabilities are the one stock in trade. The whole creation is one lunatic fringe. If creation had been left up to me, I'm sure I wouldn't have had the imagination or courage to do more than shape a single, reasonably sized atom, smooth as a snowball, and let it go at that."

Creek

Annie Dillard, Pilgrim at Tinker

☞☞ 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

Andante semplice - Ernest Tomlinson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

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seated **VU 295** *The Earth and All Who Breathe*

verse

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Fire who burns inside the mountain,

Earth who feeds the trees,

Wind who sighs the leaves.

You, the source of inspiration.

You, the beauty bring.

Yours, the power in creation.

Yours, the praise we sing.

☞☞ **VU 242** *Let All Things Now Living*

CENTERING PRAYER

We give away our thanks to the earth which gives us our home.

**We give away our thanks to the rivers and lakes
which give away their water.**

We give away our thanks to the trees which give-away fruit and nuts.

**We give-away our thanks to the wind
which brings rain to water the plants.**

We give-away our thanks to the sun who gives-away warmth and light.

**All beings on earth: the trees, the animals, the wind and the river
give-away to one another so all is in balance.**

We give-away our promise to begin to learn

how to stay in balance with all the earth.

Dolores La

Chapelle

Children remain with their families today.

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.

Genesis 1: 1-2:4a

Jack Soule

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

ANTHEM

Cantate Domino - Giovanni Anerio

from Psalm 149

Sing to God a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their God.
Let them praise God's name with dancing,
making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.
Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
Let the high praises of God be in their throats.

SERMON

"THE POETRY OF CREATION"

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King

🌀 MV 135 *Called by Earth and Sky*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

AFFIRMING CELEBRATION MINUTE

Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald

OFFERTORY

Chorale prelude, *Nun danket alle Gott* - Georg F. Kauffmann

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

🌀 MV 143 *Abundant Life*

verse

3 God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating,
that new world beckons from afar, invites our shared
endeavour,
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

🌀 VU 236 *Now Thank We All Our God*

SENDING FORTH AND SUNG CHORAL BLESSING

🌀 VU 295 *Creation Now Awaits*

verse

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POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God (Op. 65, No. 59) - Sigrid Karg-Elert

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Greeter Mike Hartlin
Hospitality Tejitu Gutema, Joan Simeon
Sound Techs Dan Bergeron, Matthias Melhorn-Boe

TODAY

THANKSGIVING, Oct. 13, 2019

Sydenham Street United Church

It is a Thanksgiving tradition at SSUC to invite our members to make a special offering in support of our Outreach Ministry. This year your donations will help fund the Helen Tufts Child Outreach Program (HTCOP), offering academic help and friendship to children aged 6 to 12 from disadvantaged Kingston families. Many of the children have difficulty in school and benefit from the individual attention and encouragement offered by the volunteers who are Queen's students. Weekly sessions are held at our church during fall and winter terms. Our costs include hiring a bus and driver to transport the children and healthy snacks provided at each session.

For over 45 years this program was organized and operated jointly by our congregation and First Baptist Church. A year ago they withdrew and we are now solely responsible for it. Dr. Barbara Parker is the Coordinator, and Frontier College cooperates with us by screening and helping to train the students who volunteer to work one-on-one with the children.

Father Gregory Boyle, in *Tattoos on the Heart*, describes compassion in these words: "The strategy of Jesus is not centered in taking a stand on issues, but rather is standing in the right place—with the outcast and those relegated to the margins...If we love what God loves, then, in compassion, margins get erased." That is the goal of HTCOP.

Please find a Thank Offering envelope in your Order of Service today.

Peter G. Goheen, On behalf of SSUC Social Justice and Outreach Committee.

COMING UP

- **Your Chalmers' 2020 Giving Envelopes** are on a table at the back for pick up. If you do not see a box there for you and you would like some, please call the office, 613-546-3263 ext. 222 and let us know.
- **Chalmers' Benevolent Program** is in need of donations of shampoos, and conditioners. These would be welcomed at church house. Thank you to the person who donated toothbrushes and toothpastes.
- **Warm Feet for the Street** Next Sunday you will find an envelope in your bulletin so that you can donate to this annual program. The colder weather will soon be here, and we plan once again, to distribute necessities consisting of hats, gloves, socks and a treat to those who visit the Chalmers' Tuesday morning program and are in need.
- **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.
- **Chalmers' Book Table** Please share your book(s) by donating them to the Chalmers' Book Table found in the foyer by MacCallum Hall. Not only will others be able to enjoy the books you read, but your donations assist the general fund. Thank you.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

- **12 pm: "Just Lunch" Group** YOU are INVITED to join us for our first gathering of the 2019-20 Church Year. This event is sponsored by SSUC but open to everyone. We have booked The Cove Restaurant in Westport for noon. We order from the menu and pay our own bills. As this is intended to be a **Fall Colours Experience** we offer a car convoy *option* departing at 10:30 am from the parking lot beside the Marriott Hotel at The King's Crossing Outlet Mall off Division St and Dalton Ave. opposite The Landmark Cinemas Complex. We will drive north on Montreal St through Battersea and follow Burnt Hills Rd to Highway 15, then north to the turn off to Westport via Newboro (Route 40). Car Convoys also allow us to car pool, (if you wish to do so), to reduce our carbon footprint! As the Cove Restaurant requires a "head count" please register with Meikle Turner by e-mail to meikle_irish@yahoo.com or tel. 613-542-7744 before 5 pm, today.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

- **7 - 9 pm: HPL Is the Bible Green? *Does Civilization have Limits?*** with Rev. Dr. Bill Morrow, at Chalmers in MacCallum Hall. (*see insert*)

Thursday, Oct. 17

- **7:15 pm: Choir Rehearsals** take place during October on Thursday evenings at Chalmers United Church in MacCallum Hall. Anyone high school age or older who loves to sing and has at least basic sight-reading skills is welcome. For more info, please contact David Melhorn-Boe, 613-546-3264.

Saturday, Oct. 19

- **9 - 11 am: Flute Choir** rehearses weekly at Chalmers in MacCallum Hall. Anyone who'd like extra time can meet at 9 am. The full group will begin at 10 am. If you know of another flute player who might be interested, please invite them and let Bill Egnatoff 613-634-3341 know.

Oct. 21-23

- **Fair Trade Sales Table and Books** available during the Queen's Annual Theology Conference, *Ministry in Time of Fear: Moving to Resilience and Renewal* at Crossroads United Church, 690 Sir John A. MacDonald Blvd. Mon 1-7 pm, Tues 9 am-9 pm, and on Wed. 9-11 am

Thursday, Oct. 24

- **12 pm: The weekly Thursday catered lunches will resume** in MacCallum Hall. \$8 per person. Everyone is welcome. If you have not attended but would like to attend, please phone Jane MacEwen at 613-546-3905.

Sunday, Oct. 27

- **Breaking Bread and Sharing Stories:** will take place following the service for members of both congregations to attend, hosted by the Transition Team. This will provide an opportunity for all of you to get to know each other over a meal. Please sign up on the sheet in the Hall or **RSVP** by email to Rev. King: barry.king@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com
- **5pm: Student Supper** We need three volunteers to help with this meal. Please email davislittlem@gmail.com to let her know you can help. Without participation, the dinners may not be able to continue.

Tuesday, Oct. 29

- **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 summer and of course your knitting/crocheting. We have lots of donated wool waiting for someone to knit or crochet. Everyone is welcome! For more info: Sue Doerksen 613-766-3254 or sdoerksen@yahoo.ca.



RE-GIFTING AT ITS BEST – AN SSUC INITIATIVE

For the last three years, SSUC has provided our regular Voucher Program recipients with items to give as gifts to others. As you can imagine, this initiative has been very well received. **You can help make this year's initiative a success as well!**

Everyone has things in their closets that they've received as gifts, or that they purchased for themselves but know they will never use. Why not de-clutter your closets, etc. and help us re-gift those items? Regular recipients in the SSUC Voucher Program will be afforded an opportunity to select items that they, in turn, can give as gifts to a friend or relative at Christmas. Recommended items include: candles, candle holders, picture frames, small purses, makeup bags, scarves, toques, warm socks, gloves, etc. Please bring your donated items to Donna Delyea, Barb Landon, or leave them in the SSUC Church Office to Donna's attention no later than Sunday, November 17th. Thank you! **If you have already contributed to this cause – Thank You!!! If you have not – but would like to – I will see you Sunday.**

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Worshipping Sundays Together

at Chalmers United in October
and at Sydenham Street United in November