

CHALMERS AND SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



"THE ECOLOGY OF THE CROSS"

10:30 am OCTOBER 20, 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

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 Children are invited to meet with Hope Yen and Lynn Freeman in the Clergy St foyer, when prompted.

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.

"It is still not too late to act. It will take a far-reaching vision, it will take courage, it will take fierce, fierce determination to act now, to lay the foundations where we may not know all the details about how to shape the ceiling. In other words, it will take cathedral thinking. I ask you to please wake up and make changes required possible."

- Greta Thunberg, Teen climate activist

☞ 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

Bourrée - Suite No. 2 in B minor by J.S. Bach arr. Er'ella Talmi

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

INTROIT

seated **MV 173** *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands* verse 1

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Planet Earth, spinning silently through space:

**Celebrate your beauty and your grace,
your special place in our solar system.**

Planet Earth, gleaming green and blue:

Rejoice in your ocean currents as they dance and swirl with hope.

Planet Earth, pulsing with life:

Join in praise with all your fauna and flora as they sing their songs.

Planet Earth, enveloped in the breath of God:

**Bless all your creatures this day with
the life-giving breath of Holy Mystery.**

Planet Earth, our precious, fragile home:

**Celebrate, with all your children,
God's presence in our planet home,**

Spin, Planet Earth, spin!

**Sing, Planet Earth, sing! We name, silently or aloud,
other creatures or parts**

☞ **VU 217** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

CENTERING PRAYER

O Our Father, the Sky, hear us and make us strong.

O Our Mother the Earth, hear us and give us support.

O Spirit of the East, send us your Wisdom.

O Spirit of the South, may we tread your path of life.

O Spirit of the West, may we always be ready for the long journey.

O Spirit of the North, purify us with your cleansing winds.

Amen

Sioux Prayer

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.**

seated **VU pg. 871** Genesis 1: 26-2: 3 Rev. Dr. Wayne Hilliker
Psalm 148 *responsive*
Romans 8: 19-23 Rev. Dr. Wayne Hilliker

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

ANTHEM

Tunkashila (traditional Lakota Sioux chant) arr. Randall Johnston
Bill Egnatoff, flute; Katharine Smithrim, rain stick;
Joan Egnatoff, hand drum

Grandfather, come see me.
I send a voice with the people's pipe,
so I may live with my relatives.

SERMON

"THE ECOLOGY OF THE CROSS" Rev. Dr. Bill Morrow
🌀 MV 39 Mother Earth, Our Mother Birthing

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

Sarabande - Suite No. 2 in B minor - J.S. Bach arr. Er'ella Talmi

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

Pope Francis, *A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation*

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen.

[this prayer is attributed to *The Hope Within Us: A Report on Climate Change by the Roman Catholic-United Church Dialogue in Canada* (2018), p. 22.

The Hope within Us - united-church.ca]

🌀 VU 295 *The Earth and All Who Breathe*

SENDING FORTH AND SUNG CHORAL BLESSING

🌀 MV 173 *Reach out in Friendship* verse 5

POSTLUDE

Rondeau - Suite No. 2 in B minor by J.S. Bach arr. Er'ella Talmi

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Flute Choir Bill Egnatoff, Heather Faris, Karina Gerhardt-Strachan,
Susan Lew, Heidi Picken

Greeters Hilliker Preaching Lectureship Committee Members:
Grace McBride, Beverley Todd, Doug and Jan Arrand,
Wayne Hilliker

Hospitality Joyce Holden, Joan Egnatoff

Counter Jean Sills

Sound Techs Olivia O'Driscoll, Matthias Melhorn-Boe

TODAY

- **Warm Feet for the Street: You will find an envelope** in your bulletin so that you can donate to our annual program. The colder weather will soon be here, and we plan to once again distribute necessities consisting of hats, gloves, socks and a treat to those who visit the Chalmers' Tuesday morning program and are in need.
- **7 pm: Sunday Perspectives** *Human Nature* is showing at the Screening Room, 120 Princess St. A breakthrough called CRISPR has given us unprecedented control over the basic building blocks of life. It opens the door to curing diseases, reshaping the biosphere, and designing our own children. *Human Nature* is a provocative exploration of CRISPR's far-reaching implications, through the eyes of the scientists who discovered it, the families it's affecting, and the bioengineers who are testing its limits. How will this new power change our relationship with nature? What will it mean for human evolution? Rated 100% Rotten Tomatoes! *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 the screening. All are welcome.
- **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.
- **Chalmers' Outreach Committee** is committed to assisting local groups. In the past, we have supported well over 10 different groups, such as Martha's Table, Birthright Kingston, In from the Cold, Food Bank and One Roof to list a few. A recent contribution to Martha's Table provided opportunity and materials for a new "Art Life" activity for their clients to participate in, thereby providing positive well-being for their clients.
- **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.

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, 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, call Jane MacEwen 613-546-3905.
- **7:15 pm: Choir rehearsals** take place on Thursday evenings. Rehearsals during October will be held at Chalmers in MacCallum Hall. Anyone high school age or older who loves to sing and has at least basic sight-reading skills is welcome. For info, please contact David Melhorn-Boe

Saturday, Oct. 26

- **9 - 11 am: Flute Choir** rehearse at Chalmers in MacCallum Hall. Anyone who'd like any extra time can meet at 9 am. The full group will meet at 10 am. Please contact Bill Egnatoff 613-634-3341.

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 **RSVP** by email to Rev. King: barry.king@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com.
- **5 pm: Student Supper** We need 3 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 - 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 and of course your knitting/crocheting. We have lots of donated wool waiting for someone to knit or crochet. Everyone is welcome! For info: Sue Doerksen 613-766-3254 or sdoerksen@yahoo.ca.

Thursday, Oct. 31

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

Saturday, Nov. 9

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Chalmers Congregation is invited to attend a second Congregational Forum. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More details will follow.

In Loving Memory of
Mary F. Dunbar

A donation has been made by her family to Helen Tufts Nursery School.

**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 (Jan 2019)
and *Ministry and Personnel Committees: Resources for Ministry and Personnel Committees* (Jan 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).



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 Sun. Nov. 17. 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.**