

CHALMERS AND SYDENHAM STREET  
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA  
SHARING WORSHIP



A TABLE WITH 7, 734, 343, 322 SEATS

10:30 AM

OCTOBER 6, 2019

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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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.

**"Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world.**

**Today I am wise, so I am changing myself."** - Rumi



*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 in D major - John Bennett

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

### INTROIT

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

verse 1

### GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

**The Holy One's people are called to the Table  
where simple grace nourishes us.**

From down the street to across town,  
from single households to apartment dwellers:

**The Holy's Ones people are called to community,  
where we live and serve one another.**

From every class, every race, every status; from little ones  
with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

**The Holy One's people are called to witness God's hope,  
to offer peace to a shattered world.**



**VU 399** *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us*

### CENTERING PRAYER

Infinite One, we gather this morning...

on our way from something...

on our way to something... but here we stop.

We stop to rest, to turn our attention to all that is holy.

We stop to gather in community, held and loved,  
to break bread together.

We stop to give praise, to sing, to pray, to listen,  
to experience your Spirit moving among us.

Blessed be. 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.**

Mark 9: 38-50

Janice Moncrieff

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

## ANTHEM

*Voices of Earth* - Stephen Chatman

We have not heard the music of the spheres,  
The song of star to star, but there are sounds,  
More deep than human joy and human tears,  
That Nature uses in her common rounds;  
The fall of streams, the cry of winds that strain  
The oak, the roaring of the sea's surge, might  
Of thunder breaking afar off, or rain  
That falls by minutes in the summer night.  
These are the voices of earth's secret soul, which she came.  
To him who hears them grief beyond control, joy without a name,  
Wakes in his heart thoughts bedded there, impearled,  
Before the birth and making of the world.  
We have not heard the music of the spheres,  
The song of star to star, but there are sounds.

Archibald Lampman (1861-1899), adapted by Stephen Chatman

## SERMON

**A TABLE WITH 7, 734, 343, 322 SEATS** Rev. Barry King

 **VU 460** *All Who Hunger*

## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**SSUC OUTREACH MINUTE FOR MISSION** Peter Goheen

## OFFERTORY

Adagio in B flat major - Jonas Blewitt

## PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

## PRAYERS OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

One God is with you.

**All And also with you.**

One Lift up you heart.

**All We lift our hearts to God.**

One Let us give thanks to the one from whom all blessings flow.

**All It is good and right to give thanks.**

God of this vast cosmos, Incarnate Love, garbed in a blue-green mantle, a floating pearl of great price, we give thanks.

Formed and forged in the expanding shell of this evolving universe, your body - our planet - broke open five billion years ago, spilling out lava-life, steam, bacteria, and the prodigious procession of life, opening, always opening, toward the novel next. Our cup runs over.

This cup of abundance is held up by our Teacher, who emerged, like all, from the womb of this planet, Mary-shaped now.

We hear his words for our day:

"This is my body, assembled over stretches of time by kin-doms of life straining toward perfection: this body of bodies, broken by fear and ignorance but soon to be transformed by my 'yes'

into an offering for the new creation the sacred one its birthing."

"And this is my blood, formed by light rivers of galaxies

Running toward and emptying into the sea of Being that coalesced into this vessel of mine, now poured into you, fire of a new emergence - bright and burning love of my sacred heart."

**Melt us, O Holy One, so that a new creation might be born  
from our own lava-lives and we may finally put away  
the childish things - that keep us from knowing that your  
love is maturing in the most unlikely of places -  
in those of us gathered for this cosmic feast.**

**Help us to sell all we think we possess  
so that we may lay claim to the one thing  
worth possessing: your wisdom,  
embodied in a sacred planet, the heart of Christ,  
crucified, and the resurrected body of Christ,  
alive and well, in this community.**

*(from, If Darwin Prayed, by Bruce Sanguin)*

So, with all the saints in heaven and on earth,  
we join our hearts in prayer for your church and our world.

We pray for the church of Jesus Christ.

We pray for the healing of creation and the healing of nations.

We pray for those who are in sorrow or in pain. *(silence)*

We pray for all who live with violence or injustice. *(silence)*

Gather the cries of our hearts for your world,  
bringing hope and faith and love into being.

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit, upon us and what we do here  
that we and these gifts, touched by your Spirit,  
may be signs of life and love to one another, and to the world.

We join in saying the Lord's Prayer.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** Our Father, Our Mother, Our Holy One,  
May our kin-dom come and your will be done here on earth.  
May we find this day the bread we need  
And may we feel forgiveness for our missteps  
And forgive, freely, others for theirs.  
May we walk away from temptation and focus on good.  
For yours is the kin-dom, the power  
And the glory, now and forever. Amen.

### COMMUNION

**One:** Let us break bread together.

**All:** Together, we celebrate the festival of our liberation.

**BREAKING OF BREAD** (Jesus the Bread of Life)

**POURING OF WINE** (Jesus the True Vine)

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**MV 80** *Beyond the Beauty and the Awe*

**MV 198** *When We Gather at the Table*

*Please gather at the back of the Sanctuary and come forward down the centre aisle to receive the elements. Communion is received by bread, as well as gluten-free wafers. Please return to your seat by the side aisles. To receive Communion in your pew, please indicate this when the usher arrives at your row.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All:** Filled with a Spirit that calls us to dwell in possibility,  
we leave this table strengthened with food for our journey  
and a vision of life as it can be: one diverse family,  
living in justice and peace. Amen.

☞ **MV 174** *Soil of God, You and I (Holy Ground)*

SENDING FORTH AND SUNG BLESSING

☞ **VU 295** *Creation Now Awaits*

verse 3

### POSTLUDE

Allegretto in B flat major - Jonas Blewitt

### TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

**Greeters** Charmaine Puszkur

**Hospitality** Rosemary MacLachlan, Jane MacEwen

**Counter** Bev Todd

**Sound Techs** Olivia O'Driscoll, Matthias Melhorn-Boe

## TODAY

- **12 pm: SSUC Congregational Meeting** will be held in the Lower Hall at SSUC. An update on current activities, as well as information about our split budget will be presented. Please walk over after the service at Chalmers and attend. Refreshments will be available.

## COMING UP

- **Choir Rehearsals** take place on Thursday evenings at 7:15 pm. Rehearsals during October will be held 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.
- **Chalmers' Book Table** If you have enjoyed some good books 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.
- **Chalmers' Benevolent Program** is in need of donations of shampoos, conditioners, toothbrushes, toothpastes. These would be welcomed at church house.

### Tuesday, Oct. 8

- **11:30 am: Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** meetings will begin this fall at the Best Western Bistro Stefan Restaurant, 1217 Princess St. Our speaker will be Public Health Nurse, **Cathy Edwards** from KFL&A Public Health, speaking on **Ontario Under the Influence: Current Trends and Challenges in Alcohol Policy**. Everyone from Sydenham St and Chalmers and your friends are invited to attend. Those who have signed up for e-mail notices will receive an invite by e-mail. Those who are on a phone call list will continue to be called. If you wish to attend, please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or meikle\_irish@yahoo.com. Reservations must be made by 5 pm today. Cost for the lunch is \$22 incl. tax & gratuity, per person (a \$20 bill plus a toonie, please). Please mark your calendars for the next two meetings this fall: Nov. 12, Barb Carr, local artist and member at SSUC speaking on "Behind the scenes at the Kingston School of Art" and Dec. 10, Don Amos who will speak on "Seniors Association: We're more active than you think!"
- **4 pm: Chalmers' CCE** will meet in MacCallum Hall **\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE** the change in time and location.\*\*\*

**Saturday, Oct. 12**

- **9 - 11am: Flute Choir** will continue to rehearse again this Saturday, at Chalmers. As in the past, I'll be there at 9 a.m. for anyone who'd like any extra time, and the full group will begin at 10, ending at 11. We'll meet weekly except on the Saturdays when I'm away. Hope has offered to look after rehearsals on some of my absences as she's able. If you know of another flute player who might be interested, please invite them and let me know. Bill Egnatoff 613-634-3341

**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, Sunday Oct.13<sup>th</sup>.

**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. Monday 1-7pm, Tues 9am-9pm, and on Wed. 9-11am