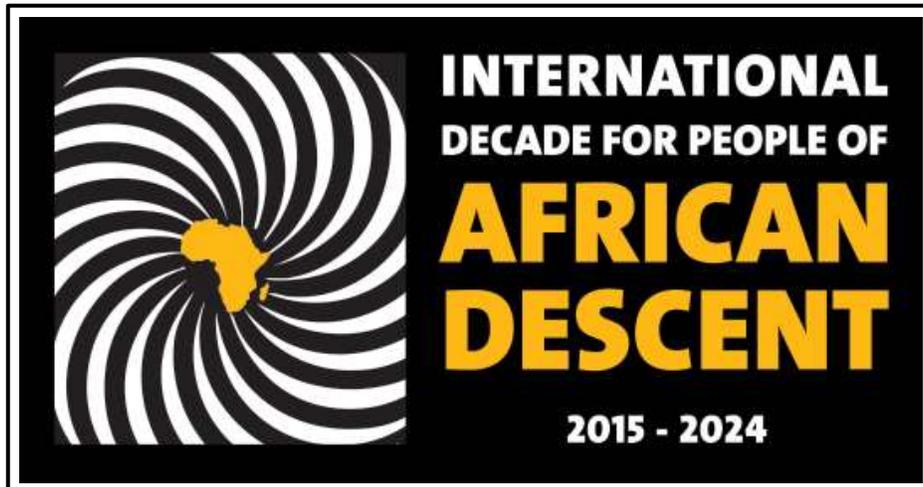


CHALMERS AND SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

“ALL ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD”

10:30 AM FEBRUARY 16, 2020

The Rev. Barry King INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTER
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Hours: CUC Mondays & Tuesdays 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
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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

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

March 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. – Cancelled Today!

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 9:30 am-4:30 pm

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.

"Racism will disappear when [it's] no longer profitable and no longer psychologically useful. When that happens, it'll be gone."

Toni Morrison speaking to NPR's Michel Martin in a 2008 interview about her book, *A Mercy*.

☞ indicates you are invited to rise in body and spirit as you are able

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude in d minor - Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

BACKGROUND: On August 28, 1833, the Act for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies received royal assent and became law throughout the British Empire. The Act came into force on August 1, 1834. Prior to this in Upper Canada, now Ontario, in 1793, Governor John Graves Simcoe passed the Anti-slavery Act. This law freed enslaved people aged 25 and over and made it illegal to bring enslaved people into Upper Canada.

The year 2020 will mark the 186th anniversary of total abolition of slavery in Canada. We pause to acknowledge this moment in history. We remember as we worship and commit ourselves to continue to work for a world where righteousness and justice will be found everywhere.

CANDLE OF LOVE

God is love, and where God is there is love.
There is no fear in love, perfect love casts out fear;
**Let us celebrate the wonderful love
that God has for all God's creation.**

Light candle

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Holy One, you taught our ancestors to sing
with their souls while in a foreign land.
**Through music, you taught Black peoples
to persevere and trust in you,
even as their hearts and bodies were broken.**
Your power Holy One, moved through our ancestors,
as the rhythm and cadence of music moves through our bodies.
**There would be no Underground Railroad or Civil Rights
Movement without a song,
and there would be no song without you.
Let everything that has breath, praise you!**

Psalm 150:6

☞ **VU 394** *Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move*

CENTERING PRAYER

Hear us Holy One.

You created all human beings in your image and likeness.

You have stamped each human person with a unique specialness, and all persons bear your image.

Through that image you call on us to reflect your goodness, justice, and love to all the world. Remind us that when we speak out for justice, mercy, and compassion we are displaying the attributes we find in you.

Show us how to respect your image in all human beings. Amen

CANDLE OF REMEMBERING

Let us light a candle to remember those who have been affected by the transatlantic enslavement of African peoples and all who even today are affected by slavery and its legacy. *Light candle.*

seated **VU 400** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

LITANY OF REMEMBERING AND CONFESSION

Let us pause to remember those who have been enslaved. We recall that for over 400 years, more than 15 million people were the victims of the tragic transatlantic slave trade. During this time human beings made in the image of God were bought and sold, treated as property, and considered to be less than human.

Have mercy on us, O God. Help us to regard all persons as made in your image. Create in us a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within us.

seated **VU 400** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Let us pause to remember the families that were broken by enslavement. We recall the parents who never saw their children. We recall the family ties that were broken because of forced separation, the tears that were shed, the bitterness caused, and the hurts that continue.

Help us O God, to regard others with love and kindness. Create in us a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within us.

seated **VU 400** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Let us pause to remember the ways we continue in our world to treat others based on the financial profit we can derive from them: the persons who work in poor conditions and who are underpaid, the children who are forced to work and receive less than minimum wage, the migrant workers who are exploited.

Help us, O God, to live in right relations with others. Create in us a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within us.

seated **VU 400** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Slavery still exists today. We remember the women who have been sold into slavery for prostitution. We remember the children who are sold into slavery left vulnerable by poverty. We remember persons who are enslaved because of their addictions.

Forgive us, O God, when we forget that we are each other's neighbours. Create in us a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within us. Amen.

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.**

Habakkuk 1: 1 - 4; 2: 1 - 4 (*a paraphrase*) Doug Arrand
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Simple Gifts

arr. Jay Rouse

REFLECTION

"ALL ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD" Rev. Barry King

VIDEO

A Brave and Startling Truth by Maya Angelou

- Where have you experienced racism?
- What do you know about the history and legacy of slavery?
- What myths about racism in Canada and slavery are you aware of?

🌀 **MV 88** *Over My Head* verses 1, 2, 3

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

On Mannheim, *Lead Us Heavenly Father, Lead Us* - Andrew Fletcher

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

🌀 **VU 82** *A Light Is Gleaming (refrain only)*

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.**

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CANDLE OF HOPE

We light a candle of hope. Hope because God is still at work in our world. We believe that love is stronger than all the ills of the world. The legacies of slavery still exist in our world, and persons of African descent are still the recipients of racism; these are some of the realities in our world. We are called to let the light of God's love shine in the world. *Light candle*

CALL TO COMMITMENT

As we light this candle, let us also commit ourselves to bear the light of the hope of our lives. In so doing, let us commit ourselves to work for a world that is more just, more loving, and more caring, and where we live in right relations. *Light candle*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

☞☞ VU 691 *Though Ancient Walls*

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

On Tallis, "Ordinal" *Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace* - Healey Willan

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Organist Aurora Dokken
Greeter Mike Hartlin
Counter Joan Simeon
Hospitality Jean Sills, Charmaine Puszkas
Sound Techs Olivia O'Driscoll, Matthias Melhorn-Boe

TODAY

- **PLEASE NOTE: Growing Spirits, the children's program, is cancelled this Sunday. It will resume next week.**
- **A special THANK YOU to:** Peter's Drugs in Portsmouth Village for their generous donation of 3 boxes of hair shampoo and conditioner for distribution through the Chalmers Tuesday Benevolent Fund Program and to Gwentyth Duhn for arranging.
- **7 pm: Sunday Perspectives presents *Clemency*** at the Screening Room, 120 Princess St. 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 to attend and participate. Hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Chalmers United, and St. Mark's Lutheran.

COMING UP

Thursday, Feb. 20

- **12 pm: Weekly catered lunch** in MacCallum Hall. We are now enjoying ethnic food from various Kingston restaurants and on occasion meals prepared by some of our participants. Music is provided by our own DJ Malcolm MacPherson! All are welcome! Please call Jane at 546-3905 if you would like to join us.

Saturday, Feb. 22

- **10 am: Flute Choir practice** will take place in the Chalmers Sanctuary.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

- **5 -6 pm: Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** All Chalmers and Sydenham St folk are invited. Tickets \$12 and \$6 for children.

Sunday, Mar. 1

- **12 pm: Chalmers' General Budget Meeting** following worship in MacCallum Hall. Lunch will be served.
- **5 pm: Chalmers/Good Times Diner Student Supper** will be held in MacCallum Hall. Please get in touch with Mary Davis Little (davislittlem@gmail.com) for details on volunteering in this innovative outreach initiative.

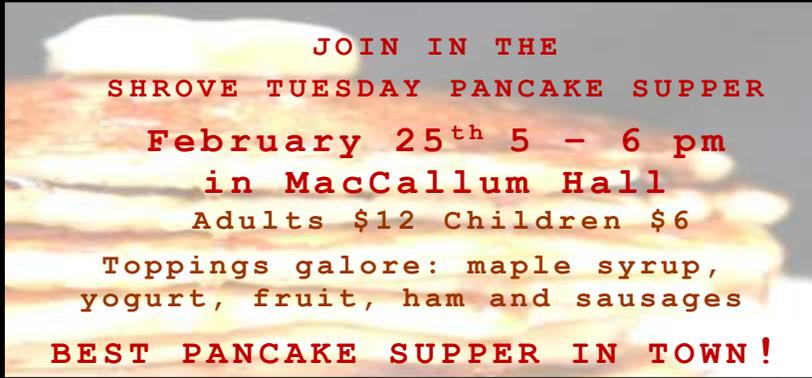
Wednesday Mar. 4 - April 1

- **Joint Lenten Bible Series – Is the Gospel in Genesis?** The Chalmers and Sydenham Street congregations are invited to join with other nearby churches (St. James Anglican, St. Mark's Lutheran, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian in a jointly sponsored Lenten Bible Study. The study will take place on Wednesdays from Mar. 4 – Apr. 1 from 7-9 pm. It will be led by The Rev. Dr. William Morrow. It will rotate through the various congregations, with each evening including a short vesper service in the tradition of the host church followed by discussion. In preparation for that study, please take the following survey so that the passages of greatest interest to those who participate will be discussed: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R7F7VGZ> If you have any questions, please speak with Rev. Barry King.
- **Chalmers Benevolent Program: The Blessing Box** needs donations of laundry soap or pods, and for someone who experienced a fire, a toaster and a coffee maker. These would be welcomed at church house.
- **Chalmers Giving Envelopes:** Please remember to pick up your envelopes at the back of the church.
- **Stamp Program:** Please save your cancelled actual stamps (not from a metered machine) from home or business mail. The corner of the envelope is all that is required. Please drop them off in the stamp box in the foyer, or at the Church Office. (Use mail slot if the Office is closed). With Thanks to Ernie (pictured) who uses the value of our used stamps towards new stamps, saving the church hundreds of dollars annually in postage costs. Thank you.
- **Chalmers' Book Table:** Donations of 'light reading' novels are gratefully accepted in the foyer of McCallum Hall. Money, acquired from the sale of these books, is directed to the Chalmers General Fund.



Flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving Memory of
Roy (husband) and David (son) Hudson
and Harry Kushnir (brother)
from Terry and family.

Worshipping Sundays Together
at Chalmers United in Feb. and at Sydenham St United in March



**JOIN IN THE
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
February 25th 5 - 6 pm
in MacCallum Hall
Adults \$12 Children \$6
Toppings galore: maple syrup,
yogurt, fruit, ham and sausages
BEST PANCAKE SUPPER IN TOWN!**

We will need help with serving, cooking and cleaning up.
Please contact Joan at 613-545-1099 or <jsimeon601@gmail.com>.