

CHALMERS AND SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



"A REVOLUTION IN CONSCIOUSNESS"

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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.

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.

“Compassion is not a relationship between the healer and the wounded. It’s a relationship between equals. Only when we know our own darkness well can we be present with the darkness of others. Compassion becomes real when we recognize our shared humanity.” - Pema Chodron

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

☞ 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

Exultate Deo - Giovanni Palestrina arr. Laura Walter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Each morning, the Creator calls you to be,
and when you rise and as you become, the Creator gives a promise:

As I live and as you live, I will never abandon you.

And each day, we may respond:

As you live and as I live, I will go with you.

And each day, we may say to one another:

As the Creator lives and as I live, let us worship and serve together.

☞ **MV 10** *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

CENTERING PRAYER

Grandfather Great Spirit. All over the world the faces of living ones are alike. With tenderness they have come up out of the ground. Look upon your children that they may face the winds and walk the good road to the Day of Quiet. Grandfather Great Spirit. Fill us with the Light. Give us the strength to understand, and the eyes to see. Teach us to walk the soft Earth as relatives to all that live. Amen. – A 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.**

John 15: 9-17

Charmaine Puszkar

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life - Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Hal Hopson

VIDEO

Thoughts on God - Karen Armstrong

SERMON

"A REVOLUTION IN CONSCIOUSNESS" Rev. Barry King

☞ VU 598 *When Pain of the World*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

O Magnum Mysterium - Tomás Luis de Victoria arr. Phyllis Avidan Louke

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Gifts with Vision - (an M&S initiative)

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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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echoes
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With bread we need for today,
feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure,
spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil,
free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power
that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

☪☪ *Resurrection All Around Us* Text: Gloria Klinger, Tune: VU 232

Resurrection all around us. Hearts arise and leap for joy
Hope eternal grows within us. Voices silenced now employ
Live in joy of new beginnings, Live in harmony and love
Finding strength to meet each trial, Conquering sorrow, being love

Being human, honouring Jesus, In a covenant of grace
Living the divine commandment. One with all the human race
Leading strong for peace and justice, Doing away with hate and fear
Finding ways to work together, Keeping voice and vision clear.

Celebrate the light within us. Love divine and human spark
Reaching out to be inclusive, Everyone a work of art
Light the flame of love around us, Echoing through the stars above
Holding hands, in peace surround us. Being human, being love.

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

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

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Organist	Aurora Dokken
Flute Choir	Heather Faris, Karina Gerhardt-Strachan, Katie Legere, Susan Lew, Heidi Picken, Julia du Prey, Kristen Thibodeau, Bill Egnatoff
Greeter	Monika Holzschuh Sator
Hospitality	Joyce Holden, Jane MacEwen
Counter	Susan Irving
Sound Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh, Olivia O'Driscoll

COMING UP

Tuesday, Feb. 25

- **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 during the fall & winter and of course your knitting/crocheting. We have lots of donated wool waiting for someone to knit or crochet. Everyone is welcome! More information: Sue Doerksen, sdoerksen@yahoo.ca, 613-766-3254.
- **5 -6 pm: Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** All Chalmers and Sydenham St folk are invited. Tickets \$12 and \$6 for children.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

- **7 pm: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** at St. Mark's Lutheran Church 263 Victoria Street.

Thursday, Feb. 27

- **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. 29

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

Sunday, Mar. 1

- **12 pm: Chalmers' General Budget Meeting** following worship in MacCallum Hall. Lunch will be served.
- **5 pm: Chalmers/Queen's 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. If you have any questions, please speak with Rev. Barry King.

Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2020

- **11:30 am: Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet** at the Best Western Bistro Stefan Restaurant, 1217 Princess St. Our speaker will be **Detective** Sergeant Carla Stacey from the Kingston Police Department on senior's fraud called, *Stay on the Safe Side*. Everyone from Sydenham St. and Chalmers and your friends are invited to attend. If you wish to attend, please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or meikle_irish@yahoo.com. Meal reservations must be made by 5 pm on Sun. March 8. Cost for the luncheon is \$22 per person... a twenty and a tooney. Our April 14th meeting will feature Ruth Gruer who will tell us about developments at Providence Village.
- **Chalmers Benevolent Program: The Blessing Box** is in need of donations of toothbrushes, laundry soap or pods and dish soap. These would be welcomed at church house. Thank you for the donation of the kettle.
- **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 by MacCallum Hall, 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.



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Flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving Memory of

Harry Malcolm Stewart

Dec. 7, 1933 – June 16, 2017

and

Tracy Victoria (Stewart) Brake

Dec. 28, 1968 – Feb. 27, 2004.



Worshipping Sundays Together

at Sydenham Street United in March

and Chalmers United in April