



SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS

UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA

## SHARING WORSHIP



*"A Journey to Recover a Sense of the Sacred - in Ourselves  
and in Everything Around Us.*

Guest Speaker: Karina Gerhardt-Strachan

10:30 am MARCH 8, 2020

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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

**March Services** are at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham St.

**April Services** are at Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie 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 Conference Room, First Floor, when prompted.

**Washrooms** are in the office foyer area through the right front doors of the Sanctuary.

**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 given to a Greeter at the front door.

## CHURCHES

**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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**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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## 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](mailto: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.

"The road leading to God does not entail a multiplicity of considerations, methods, manners and experiences...but demands only one thing necessary: surrender of self."

- St. John of the Cross

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

☞ 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

*Toccata in c minor - Georg Muffat*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

#### GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself,  
out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting.

**Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer  
and simplicity, that the discipline of these forty days  
may sharpen our hunger for the feast of holy friendship,  
and whet our thirst for the living water you offer  
through Jesus Christ.**

☞ **VU 409** *Morning Has Broken*

#### SPACE FOR THE SPIRIT

*When you hear the sound of the Tibetan singing bowl being struck,  
you are invited to enter into a time of silence (2 minutes),  
to make space for the Spirit in your life.*

*Taking deep breaths "in and out" – you open all of your senses to the Spirit of life  
that pulses throughout the cosmic universe.*

☞ **MV 85** *Take, O Take Me as I Am (x2)*  
**Take, O take me as I am; summon up what I shall be;  
set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.**

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*Children may leave for their programs.*

## 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 12: 1-4a

Susan Irving

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God**

### ANTHEM

*My Love for Beauty Pine* - Herbert Howells

### REFLECTION

**"A Journey to Recover a Sense of the Sacred - in Ourselves  
and in Everything Around Us.**

Guest Speaker: Karina Gerhardt-Strachan

❧ MV 174 *Soil of God, You and I*

## COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

### OFFERTORY

*Choral Prelude on My Heart Ever Joyful* - Gordon Young

### PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

❧ VU 632 *O Blessed Spring*

verse 1

**O blessed spring, where Word and sign  
embrace us into Christ the Vine,  
here Christ enjoins each one to be  
a branch of this life-giving tree.**

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER OF JESUS

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,  
may your name be made holy, may your dominion come,  
may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today the bread we need; and forgive us our debts,  
as we have forgiven our debtors; and do not put us to the test,  
but rescue us from evil. For yours is the dominion,  
and the power, and the glory forever.

United Church of Christ-U.S.A. 1995

☪☪ VU 651 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

### BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

#### POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God* - J.S. Bach

### TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

<b>Worship Leaders:</b>	Joan Egnatoff, Eileen Woloshyn
<b>Speaker:</b>	Karina Gerhardt-Strachan, BA (Hons.), MA, School of Kinesiology & Health Studies, Queen's University. She has done a couple of Ted Talks and has completed a Thesis paper on "Recovering a sense of the sacred in ourselves and in everything around us; Exploring the place of spirituality in Canadian health promotion".
<b>Interim Music Director:</b>	Aurora Dokken
<b>Greeters:</b>	Mary Ev Wyatt, Susan Irving
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Jan Bryant, Jim Berry
<b>Counter:</b>	Gerald McGrath

### TODAY

- **7 pm: Sunday Perspectives presents *The Assistant*** 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

### Tuesday, Mar. 10

- **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 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature Ruth Gruer who will tell us about developments at Providence Village.
- **4 pm: CCE** will meet in MacCallum Hall.

### Wednesday, Mar. 11

- **Joint Lenten Bible Series – Is the Gospel in Genesis?**  
**Topic: *God's Preference for Abel*** (Gen. 4) at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 130 Clergy St.** 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.

### Thursday, Mar.12

- **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.
- **Chalmers Benevolent Program: The Blessing Box** is in need of donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste. These donations would be very welcomed at church house. Thank you for the donation of a toaster for someone who just experienced a fire, as well as Kraft dinner boxes.
- **Chalmers Comment Boards: If you attended Sunday's meeting and placed** a comment on the board, would you please be so kind as to stop into church house or call, so your name can be included. There are about a half dozen or so that are 'nameless'. Thank you.

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Worshipping Sundays Together  
at Sydenham Street United in March  
and Chalmers United in April

## Kingston Lenten Series Is the Gospel in Genesis?

Hard stories from the Bible's first book  
A Bible study led by the Rev. Dr. Bill Morrow

**March 11: *God's Preference for Abel* (Gen. 4)**  
@ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 130 Clergy St. E.

**March 18: *Divine Violence in the Flood* (Gen. 6-9)**  
@ Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie St.

**March 25: *The Expulsion of Hagar* (Gen. 21)**  
@ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 130 Clergy St. E.

**April 1: *Does God Reward Tricksters* (Gen. 28)**  
@ St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 263 Victoria St.

After a short prayer service  
in the tradition of the host church,  
the evening will focus on  
the text chosen for discussion.

**Wednesdays 7 – 9 pm**