

CHALMERS AND SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA



SHARING WORSHIP

“FACING TOMORROW”

10:30 am APRIL 12, 2020

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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.

**"Not only is another world possible, she is on her way.
On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing."**

Arundhati Roy, 21st century

EASTER SUNDAY

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Filii et Filiae – Christopher Tambling

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*(As we light the Christ candle, you are invited
to light a candle at home in a safe place)*

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

O Holy One, who gives life to the dead and calls
formless potential into fullness of being,
we feel your tug to realize a resurrection.

**Bust open the cold tomb of made-up minds
massage our hardened hearts into supple softness,
grant us the mind of Christ, and the courage of the Spirit,
to become the people we were meant to be.**

HYMN VU 155 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save, hallelujah!

3 But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured, hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing, hallelujah!

4 Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love, hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us
and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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 20: 1-18

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Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lenten Meditation - Jay Althouse

Duo: Margot Craft, Donna Delyea

SERMON

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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.

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HYMN VU 158 *Christ is Alive*

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

3 In every insult, rift, and war, where colour,
scorn' or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.⁵

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, and justice, love and praise.

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Heut Triumphieret Gottes Sohn – J.S. Bach

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Organist
Duet

Aurora Dokken
Margot Craft, Donna Delyea, soloists

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NOTE - for Prayers of The People:** While we continue to worship on-line, you are invited to send any prayers you might have to Rev. Barry's email to included in our Sunday Prayers. **Email:** barry.king@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com
 - **Worshipping Sundays Together** by Livestreaming only during April
No congregational worship in the church.
 - **Tuesday April 14 Chalmers CCE** will meet by teleconference at 4 pm.
 - **The Lunch and Learn session** on developments at Providence Village scheduled for April 14 is cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If restrictions do not change, the May 12 wrap-up lunch will also be cancelled. Thank you for attending Lunch and Learn over the past year. Bruce Hutchinson, Chair
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MODERATOR'S ONLINE EASTER SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

APRIL 12, 2020 - 3:00PM ET TO 4:30PM ET

Where: **Canada**

This event is: **Online**

Join us on Easter Sunday for a special livestream Holy Communion service with Moderator Richard Bott at 3:00 p.m. EDT, 12:00 p.m. PDT, and 4:30 p.m. in Newfoundland. Bruce Harding and other musicians will be leading us in worship through music, and the Rev. Michael Blair will offer a reflection on scripture.

You are encouraged to participate while you view, using your own communion elements. Everyone is invited to bring some kind of bread (cracker, cookie, muffin, tortilla, bannok, etc.) and some water, wine, or juice, to share in communion.

This Easter livestream worship service will be broadcast on:

1. [Zoom](#) (maximum capacity 500 people)
2. The United Church of Canada's [YouTube channel](#)

We look forward to seeing you online!



As part of the Easter Sunday service, we had planned to create an Easter Egg Tree, made with egg-shaped cut outs, decorated by the children, and with a place to write a person's first name, a blessing for them, and the sender's first name. These were to be attached with ribbons to a bare branch tree in the chancel. Since we're not able to do that at this time, we invite you to use the attached Word file to send an Easter blessing to your friends in the two congregations, to as many of them as you would like. Just download the file, fill in your friend's name, your name, and a blessing, save it, and send it to your friend as an attachment. Repeat as many times as you like! You could also print the Easter blessing page and hand deliver to a friend's mailbox.

Happy Easter



Dear ...

May you be blessed with...

Happy Easter from....

Chalmers United Church & Sydenham
Street United Church