

CHALMERS AND SYDENHAM STREET

UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA

SHARING WORSHIP



"INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER"

10:30 am JUNE 21, 2020

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Closed: by phone or email only due to Covid-19.

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

NO SERVICES ARE HELD IN EITHER PREMISE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID 19.

May Services are recorded at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham St.

June Services are recorded at Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie St.

Song Books *VU Voices United MV More Voices*

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

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: Closed until further notice.

Staff can be reached by telephone and email.

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.

"I implore all Canadians to be thoughtfully and thoroughly honest about what we see, experience and do. This includes being mindful of overlooked jokes, Work done internally in one's own thoughts will naturally flow to external actions. Small, purposeful and persistent incremental steps, not grand gestures that fade when the spotlight fades are what will make a difference"."

The quotation is from a recent Globe and Mail Op-ed article written by Konata Lake, Partner at Tory's LLP and member of the York University Board of Governors. Lake is a black man; his wife is a white surgeon.

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Andante Sostentuto - Hermann Schroeder

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Lynn Freeman

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, Great Spirit, we pray our thanks for the opportunity to gather in this sacred space. Here we are most aware of the gift of wind: **and the four directions from which it comes.**

Here we are most aware of the gift of sun:

and the four directions on which it shines.

Here we are most aware of the gift of humanity:

and the four directions in which we exist.

Here we are most aware of the gift of Creation:

and the four directions which support our living, breathing, and being.

This day we pray thanksgiving for the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people of Canada;

and we commit ourselves to be people of reconciliation in the tradition of our beloved Jesus. We pray in his name. Amen.

HYMN MV 1 *Let Us Build a House*

Refrain:

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and
all can safely live, a place where saints and
children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of
hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of
grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: **R**

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and
words are strong and true, where all God's children
dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the
cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's
grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **R**

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond
the wood and stone to heal and strengthen,
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the
outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's
face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: **R**

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APOLOGY AND RESPONSE

Reading: 1986 Apology to Indigenous Peoples Lynn Freeman

Reading: 1988 Response to the 1986 Apology Rosemary Macachlan

HYMN VU 376 *Spirit of the Living God* *sung response*

1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

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 33: 1–17

Jim Leake

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Rest in the Lord from Elijah – Felix Mendelssohn

Brenda Gluska, Contralto

REFLECTION

Juliet Huntly

The Narrow, Rough Path to Reconciliation

This worship service was created by SunDo Hyun and the reflection was written by Hoeun Lee. Originally from South Korea, Hoeun Lee is a Master of Theological Studies student at St. Andrew's College and the minister of Coteau Hills Pastoral Charge in Saskatchewan. SunDo Hyun is a graduate of St. Andrew's College who became a United Church minister in 2016 (admitted from the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea). SunDo currently serves in congregational ministry in Saskatchewan.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rosemary MacLachlan

**We are, all of us, Treaty People:
original inhabitants and those who came later—
inheritors of a diverse history,
dwellers in a common land,
travellers toward a better day.
We have known friendship and animosity,
cooperation and oppression, blessing and pain.
And now we embrace the sacred covenant
that heralds a new beginning:
that softens the heart
and dismantles the prisons of the present and the past.
We joyfully claim
our rights and responsibilities as Treaty People.
Amen.**

Treaty People's Creed (2011)

The All My Relations Network of Saskatchewan Conference

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF JESUS

**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**

HYMN VU 427 *To Show by Touch and Word*

1 To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.

2 Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
Our hearts to log for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
We need your guidance and your grace.

3 Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
And let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
Your wits about us where we live.

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

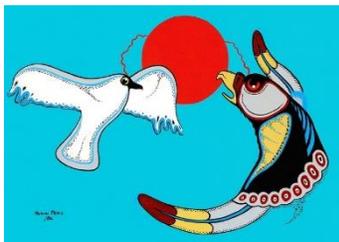
Herzlich thut mich Erfreuen - Johannes Brahms

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Organist	Aurora Dokken
Soloist	Brenda Gluska, Contralto
Sound Editor	Lisa Leavitt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Rev. King will be on vacation** from June 21 to June 28. **During this time, those with Pastoral Care concerns** for both Chalmers and Sydenham St. churches, please contact Marylil Megginson 613-544-9420, <marylil@kos.net> for assistance.
- **Worshipping Sundays Together** by Livestreaming only during June. *No congregational worship in the church.*
- **Chalmers Benevolent Program:** The Blessing Box is again in need of donations of Kraft dinner boxes and bars of soap. These donations would be very welcomed and gratefully received at church house on any Tuesday.



The Meeting of the Eagle and the Dove
by Mervin Meekis, an artist from Sandy Lake Reserve who died in 2000, was presented to the 31st General Council 1986 during the consideration of the Apology to First Nations.

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the United Church's commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Fairfield, a historic village in Bothwell, Ontario, was first settled by the Lenape people on May 8, 1792. It was established by Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit (El-na-pow-way Lah-ka-weet) ancestors and the

Moravian missionaries who lived among the group for generations. For the past 74 years, Fairfield has been operated as a historical park and museum by The United Church of Canada through a grant from Mission & Service.

In May 2019, the United Church returned a significant piece of land to the Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit people of Delaware Nation. A ceremony was held on the site to officially execute the land transfer. "I think the community is going to be really proud of getting that piece of property back because it's part of who they are," said Chief Denise Stonefish. "That will make our home whole again." "I actually view it as the people whose story it is are finally getting to tell the story," said Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, a regional council Executive Minister.

But both Stonefish and the United Church recognize it took the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to bring the transfer to fruition. We are thankful that Mission & Service has played a part in the Truth and Reconciliation process within The United Church of Canada. "The Truth and Reconciliation Commission involved all of us viewing ourselves as treaty people and understanding how broken the relationship was between Indigenous peoples and Settlers, and how all of us have a role to play in the care and tending of that," said Stadelbauer-Sampa. "The United Church is deeply committed to being honest with ourselves about our colonial past."

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

