

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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"WHO ARE YOU?"

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Please join us in worship on YouTube, available each Sunday,
after 6am at: [Chalmers United Church - Kingston, Ontario](#)

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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.

DUE TO COVID 19, Worship Services are not being held in our Sanctuary until further notice. The Chalmers Church House Office is also closed. Staff can be reached by telephone and email.

The recorded service will be available on YouTube beginning 6 a.m. Sunday.

We invite you to listen online at a time that you choose to set aside for worship and meditation. <https://chalmersunitedchurch.org/weekly-worship/>

- **For bulletin materials please use:**
bulletin@chalmersunitedchurch.com
Please send announcements by end of day Monday, or late editions by end of day Tuesday for inclusion the following Sunday.
- Please send announcements you wish made verbally to:
bulletin@chalmersunitedchurch.com
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Song Books are:
Voices United VU and *More Voices* MV

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)



Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

On Windsor - Healey Willan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Separated by a virus,
linked by technology,
joined together by God's love.
Unhindered by restrictions of time or travel,
but missing face to face contact,
we gather in God's love.
Bringing our certainties and our doubts,
our joys and our sorrows,
we are sheltered in God's love.
Let us worship God.

CENTERING PRAYER

**Sheltering God, you do indeed gather us in.
We seek the support that you offer.
Help us to be present to your voice,
to your wisdom and to your faith in our abilities.
Amen.**

HYMN VU 640 *Lead, Kindly Light*

- 1** Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom;
lead thou me on.
The night is dark, and I am far from home;
lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
the distant scene, one step enough for me.
- 2** I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
shouldst lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path, but now
lead thou me on.
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

3 So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
will lead me on,
o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent,
till the night is gone;
and with the morn those angel faces smile,
which I have loved long since and lost awhile.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, Sacred Mystery,
greater than words can express;
whose love for us and all creation
exceeds our capacity to imagine,
open our hearts and minds. Amen.

Exodus 3: 10 - 15

Mark 8: 27 - 33

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

On Abridge, *Be Thou My Guardian and My Guide* - Philip Moore

REFLECTION

Who Are You?

Rev. Ruth Wood

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

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Canada Helps or by Canada Post
or now by e-transfer to: envelopesecretary@chalmersunitedchurch.com.
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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 MV 126 *Are You a Shepherd?*

1 Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us
safely through danger, while calming our fears?
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

Refrain:

**Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,
but you are greater than all that we know.
Holy and living, loving and giving,
God, you are with us wherever we go.**

2 Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,
challenging students to offer their best? **R**

3 Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,
Lead all your children in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.
We want to love you and bring you delight. **R**

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SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

Let us go forth from this time together;
to show we believe in one another, to show we trust one another,
to show we trust in God's all encompassing love.
Let us go forth loving as we are loved. Go now in Peace.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

VU 964

Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.

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POSTLUDE

Toccata in C - Johann Pachelbel

THANK YOU TO ALL TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister	Pastor Ruth Wood is a retired Designated Lay Minister who began ministry as a student at Wolfe Island U.C. She retired from Calvary U.C. in 2015 and was then engaged as a part-time Chaplain at Queen's University for two years. Ruth is the current chair of Kingston Pride Inc. She and her wife, Anne, are two of the facilitators for TransFamily Kingston, a support group for transgender people and their family members.
Organist	Aurora Dokken
Hymn Choir	Rob Bruce Joan Egnatoff Bill Egnatoff Barb Fletcher Al Fletcher Juliet Milsome Janice Moncrieff Anja Troje
Media Production	Olivia O'Driscoll
Recording Assistance	Bill Egnatoff

Please Note: Invitation to the Congregation

It has been pointed out that there is an error in Jane MacEwen's phone number. The correct number is 613-546-3905.