

# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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“LET ME BE A LITTLE OF YOUR BREATH”  
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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, no services are held on premise until further notice,**  
and 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 on the: [Chalmers United Church Youtube channel](#)

- **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.
- **For verbal announcements,** please send information to:  
**bulletin@chalmersunitedchurch.com** and to Al Fletcher:  
afletcher8@cogeco.ca by end of day Tuesdays, so they can be  
incorporated into recordings.

**Chalmers can now accept e-Transfers** for donations by using  
envelopesecretary@chalmersunitedchurch.com. Some may find this  
method easier when making donations. When using e-Transfer, please  
allocate where you wish your funds placed, in the "Message". If you forget,  
funds will default to the General Fund.

**Song Books are:**

*Voices United* VU and *More Voices* MV

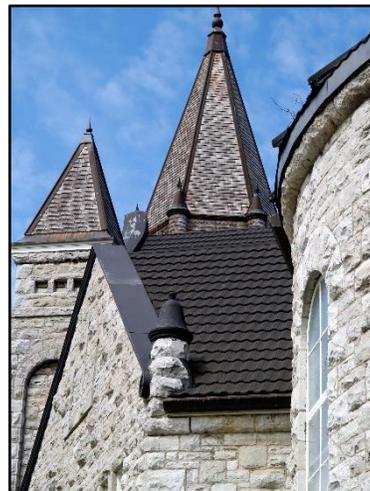
**Chalmers United Church**

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 CREATION TIME 1

### **PRELUDE**

*Prelude in Lydian Mode - Barrie Cabena*

### **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**

Feel the steadfast love of the Creator:

**God's love is under our feet.**

Open hearts and minds to God's Spirit:

**God's love is over our head.**

We are God's people:

**God's love is ever before.**

Learning to follow God's way:

**God's love is evermore.**

### **HYMN MV 92** *Like a Rock*

**Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.**

**Like the starry night sky God is over our head.**

**Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.**

**Like the river runs to ocean,**

**our home is in God evermore.**

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## CENTERING PRAYER

Eternal God,  
...who wraps us in love both night and day;  
renew our faith in you and in each other.  
As we enter a new season in our community,  
rise like the morning sun upon our souls  
and enliven our work and prayer and fellowship.  
May we follow in the steps of Jesus your Beloved,  
who lived and laughed and loved in harmony with you. Amen.

### **HYMN VU 245** *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet*

- 1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.  
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.  
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or  
snow or in the morning light.  
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.  
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment,  
nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

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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.

Genesis 2: 1 – 7

*The Inclusive Bible*

Psalms 150

*The Inclusive Bible*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*How Majestic Is Your Name*

Michael W. Smith, setting by Joel Raney

Joan Egnatoff, piano

Bill Egnatoff, flute

### REFLECTION

*Let me Be a Little of Your Breath*

Rev. Don McLean

Audio excerpt from *Hills of Morning*-Bruce Cockburn © Golden Mtn. Music Inc 1979. Used by permission.

**HYMN** *Spirit, Be Our Breath of Life (anon.)*

**1** Spirit, be our breath of life. Alleluia!

Spirit be our breath of life. Alleluia!

**2** Spirit, be our wind of change. Alleluia!

Spirit, be our wind of change. Alleluia!

**3** Spirit, help us share our gifts. Alleluia!

Spirit, help us share our gifts. Alleluia!

**4** Spirit, help us live God's love. Alleluia!

Spirit, help us live God's love. Alleluia!

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## COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

### SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offerings gratefully received online through

Canada Helps or by Canada Post

or now by e-transfer to: [envelopesecretary@chalmersunitedchurch.com](mailto: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 VU 242 *Let All Things Now Living*

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.

2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise:  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

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## SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune* - Andrew Carter

## THANK YOU TO ALL TALENTS SHARED

### **Guest Minister**

Rev. Don McLean CD, ThM, MDiv, BA (*Music*) first appeared as a toddler at Chalmers Church in 1965 and has had various associations with the congregation ever since. While studying music at Queen's (and singing in the Chalmers Choir) in the early 1980's, he was given the use of various practice spaces at Chalmers, and for a time lived on the top floor of Chalmers House. In 1984 he became a Candidate for Ordained Ministry sponsored by Chalmers. Since ordination in 1987, Don has fulfilled various pastoral appointments, also serving as a Chaplain in the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve for more than 12 years. He first played in the Kingston Symphony 39 years ago and continues as a member in its' cello section. For the past decade he has been in ministry with the Norwood-Westwood Pastoral Charge. Don and Anna, their twins Evelyn & Ian (now 7), and canine Bailey, live in view of the Trent River in Asphodel-Norwood Township.

### **Organist**

Aurora Dokken

### **Hymn Choir**

Margot Craft

Joan Egnatoff

Bill Egnatoff

Barb Fletcher

Al Fletcher

Anja Troje

### **Sound Recording**

Olivia O'Driscoll

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