



**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.

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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

*Andante in D* - Felix Bartholdy Mendelssohn

### 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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### PSALM 66: 8 - 12

Come, let us worship God; let the sound of praise be heard.  
Truly God continues to give us life  
and keeps us from stumbling.  
Even though God tests us and tries us as silver is tried, and  
leads us through one desert after another,  
with many burdens; even though God lets sickness furrow  
our brow and leads us through fire and water, such testing  
can strengthen us and bring us new life. God is indeed  
worthy of our worship and praise.

### PRAYER OF APPROACH

**O Spirit of God within us, set at rest the crowded, hurrying,  
conscious thoughts within our minds and hearts. Let the peace  
and quiet of your presence take possession of us. Help us to  
relax, to rest, to become open and receptive to you. You know  
the inner essence of our soul, the hidden unconscious life within  
us, the forgotten memories of hurts and fears, the frustrated  
desires, the unresolved tensions and dilemmas. Cleanse and  
sweeten the springs of our beings that freedom, life and love  
may flow into both our conscious and hidden life. Lord we lie  
open before you, waiting for your healing, your peace and  
your word. Amen.**

George Appleton

**HYMN VU 402** *We are One*

**1** We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.

**2** We are one as we share,  
as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand  
there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care,  
as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth.

**3** We are one as we feast,  
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine  
there's a sense of love divine.  
We are one as we come,  
as we feed, we are fed;  
and we feel God's refreshing grace  
as we meet at table in this place.

**4** We are one as we hear,  
as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive  
there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave,  
as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways  
as we move together from this place.

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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.

Deuteronomy 8: 1 - 10

Romans 8: 35 - 39

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*Well Done* - The Afters

from the album, *The Beginning and Everything After* (2018)

Brigitta Holzschuh, voice and guitar

### **REFLECTION**

Rev. Gary Stokes

*One More Desert to Cross*

## COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

### **SHARING OF OUR GIFTS**

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Canada Helps or by Canada Post  
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### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **PRAYER OF JESUS**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**HYMN VU 595** *We are Pilgrims on a Journey*

1 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

2 Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

6 Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

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**SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING**

We go now, back into the daily round,  
not knowing what deserts we yet may have to cross.  
As you go, may the words of Timothy Olufosoye,  
first primate of the church of Nigeria, give you hope for the  
journey: *In thy journeys to and fro, God direct thee; in thy happiness  
and pleasure, God bless thee; in care, anxiety or trouble, God sustain  
thee; in peril and in danger, God protect thee.*

## 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

*On Dundee* - Charles Hubert Hastings Perry

## THANK YOU TO ALL FOR TALENTS SHARED

<b>Guest Minister</b>	The Rev. Gary Stokes is a graduate of Queen's Theology who spent 55 years in ordained ministry at congregations in Quebec and Ontario. He is currently "trying to retire". He has been an educational supervisor for over 20 years and is presently supervising a candidate from Wolfe Island, which is where he began his ministry 55 years ago. He has taught elementary and high school and has lectured on Near Eastern Studies at St. Lawrence College in Cornwall. He is a member of Zion United Church.
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<b>Guitarist, Vocalist</b>	Brigitta Holzschuh
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