

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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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.

Chalmers will hold a Service on Sunday Oct. 18, in our sanctuary, following guidelines by KFL&A Public Health and the Ontario government, and approved by the East Central Ontario Regionals Council of the United Church.

This Sunday, 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/>

The Chalmers Church House Office remains closed.
Staff can be reached by telephone and email.

- **For bulletin materials please use:**
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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

Hilf Gott, Dass Mir's Gelingen (BWV 624) - J.S. Bach

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

INVITATION TO WORSHIP based on A Song of Faith

One: In love, the one eternal God seeks relationship.

All: So, God created the universe

One: and with it the possibility of being and relating.

All: God tends the universe

One: mending the broken and reconciling the estranged.

All: God enlivens the universe,

One guiding all things toward harmony with their Source.

All: Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing!

LITANY FOR CREATION based on A Song of Faith

One: Source of Life, Living Word, Bond of Love – Holy Mystery,

All: You are beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description. You are the One on whom all hearts rely.

One: We sing thanksgiving.

All: We find ourselves in a world of beauty. You, Holy One, declared all creation good. All parts of creation, animate and inanimate are related. We recognize all people as kin. As humans we are made to live and move and have our being in You.

One: We sing of you, Creator.

All: Empower and enable us as we encounter the Spirit in our worship today, that we might go from this experience when our Service ends, to love the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN VU 227 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3 For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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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: 7-18
Second Corinthians 9: 6-15

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread - Johann Pachelbel

REFLECTION

Gratitude Even Here

Rev. Phil Hobbs

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

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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 518 *As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought*

1 As those of old their first-fruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today our first-fruits bring:
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.

2 A world in need now summons us
to labour, love, and give,
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.

3 With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to you,
not just to serve your cause, but share
your love with neighbours too.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

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COMMISSIONING

All Together

based on *A Song of Faith*

We sing of God's good news lived out, a church with purpose:
Faith nurtured and hearts comforted, gifts shared for the good of
all, resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,
fierce love in the face of violence, human dignity defended,
members of a community held and inspired by the Kind Creator,
corrected and gently embraced, instruments of the loving
Spirit of Christ, creation's mending. May it be so. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face
to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up
his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in d - Anton Bruckner

THANK YOU TO ALL TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister

The Rev. Phil Hobbs was Ordained by Manitou Conference in 1984. He is a graduate of Laurentian University, and The Vancouver School of Theology. After 21 years of Ministry with congregations Rev. Phil was called to serve as Conference Minister, Personnel in 2005. When he retired in 2010 (at age 60) he entered upon a Ministry, leading congregations in transition. (Currently serving South Bay United Church and Picton United Church.)
Rev. Phil expects to be fully retired at year end. He and his wife Carol are delighted Grandad & Nana to Rosie (2), Jonas (4) and Sammy (7).

Organist

Aurora Dokken

Media Production

Olivia O'Driscoll

Recording Assistance

Bill Egnatoff

Tuesday, October 13

- **4 pm: Chalmers CCE** will meet by teleconference

Sunday, October 18

- **Chalmers will re-open** and have a service in our sanctuary next Sunday. Please see the video link in the email, as well as the Attached Protocol, as to how Chalmers will look with Covid safety measures in place.

Review Report Update:

On Friday, October 2, CCE representatives met by Zoom with the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders to respond to the Review Report. Later that afternoon, CCE was informed that the Region has appointed the Rev. David King to Chalmers as Pastoral Charge Supervisor. No decisions on actions to be taken on the recommendations in the Review Report were made, and the Assembly of Elders will continue their discussions on Friday, October 9. When we hear from the Assembly of Elders, we will report further.

The Benevolent Fund is in need of some items for the Blessing Box:

Kraft dinners, cans of tuna, peanut butter, pasta, toothbrushes, deodorants, moisturizing creams and feminine hygiene products. Anyone willing to donate, please contact carolsleeth@chalmersunitedchurch.com to arrange a drop off time.

Sunday, October 18

- **4-6:30 pm: Chalmers Queen's Good Times Diner (GTD)** will hold their first dinner at Chalmers. Students will receive packaged dinners outside MacCallum Hall on Earl St. For several years during the academic year, Chalmers has held free Sunday night suppers for up to thirty students. With Ivan Brandsma's help, Chalmers volunteers have contributed a hearty main course for vegetarians and carnivores, salads, and desserts, joining with the students for lively discussion during dinner. Last winter, two Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS) students approached Carol Sleeth about holding dinners at Chalmers. From there an innovative idea was developed. They had been providing regular free meals through another downtown church but wanted to be closer to the Queen's campus. They knew that there are many students whose budgets are stretched to the limit and who would be delighted to enjoy a nourishing, free, home-made meal. The idea took flight, and the CCE gave permission for Chalmers to undertake this new outreach program even as COVID-19 altered everyone's landscape. In a pre-pandemic visit last winter, the students saw that our kitchen is ideally suited for the preparation and distribution of take-out dinners.

Over the summer, talks continued between Chalmers and the ASUS organizers who are paid and whose budget will cover all the costs of food purchase. We have agreed on guidelines and the strict protocols for cleanliness and Covid sanitizing. With many other Queen's organizations looking for volunteer helpers, the Good Times Diner team advertised and were thrilled that the GTD was the most popular volunteer opportunity this fall. Potential helpers have been interviewed and worker shifts are being prepared for each Sunday. Chalmers has a long history of welcoming students to services, the choir, and to the popular dinners. This new initiative is part of our evolution, to adapt to the moment – especially during this extraordinary time in our lives.

Tuesday, October 20

- **12:45 pm: The Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet** by ZOOM. Our speaker will be **Ruth Gruer, Executive Director of Providence Village**, an initiative that includes Hospice Kingston and many other organizations. The topic is Development of Providence Village. Everyone from Sydenham St. and Chalmers and your friends are invited to attend. If you wish to attend this event, please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or meikle_irish@yahoo.com. Due to the risk presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, this session is being held on Zoom and the event will not include lunch. Please let Meikle know by 5 pm on Sunday Oct. 18 if you plan to attend. We will send you the link to the Zoom session on Monday Oct. 19. There will be no charge for attending this Lunch & Learn session.