

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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“A LETTER FOR OUR TIMES”

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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.

**On October 25 there will be an uploaded pre-recorded service.
The Rev. Perry Deline will be our guest minister.**

**Chalmers next worship service in our sanctuary will be on
Sunday, November 1, with Rev. Dr. Stan Lucyk.**

Guidelines by KFL&A Public Health and the Ontario government will be followed, with our plans approved by the East Central Ontario Regionals Council of the United Church.

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:
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:
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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

Meine Seele erhebet den Herrn - Delphin Strungk

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

The world and all that is in it belongs to God.
We are God's creatures, the fruits of God's creation.
We worship God who was there from the beginning of time.
God gives us a passion for life.
God provides us with a vision of who we are and who we are called to be.
We thank God who leads us into the future.
Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Eternal God, who has given us the gift of life, we are thankful for your continuing, gracious giving, all through this life of ours. Please enable our praise and prayer to take wing, and our minds to be open to that Word that you have for each one of us. May our response be an opening to you and we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN VU 244 *Sing Your Praise to God Eternal*

- 1** Sing your praise to God eternal,
sing your praise to God the Son,
sing your praise to God the Spirit,
living and forever One.
God has made us, God has blessed us,
God has called us to be true.
God rules over all creation,
daily making all things new.

- 2** Join the praise of every creature,
sing with singing birds at dawn;
when the stars shine forth a nightfall,
hear their heavenly antiphon.
Praise God for the light of summer,
autumn glories, winter snows,
for the coming of the springtime
and the life of all that grows.

3 Praise God on our days of gladness
for the summons to rejoice;
praise God in our times of sadness
for the calm, consoling voice.
God our Maker, strong and loving,
Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,
living God, Creator Spirit,
be your holy name adored!

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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.

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
Matthew 22: 15-22

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

On Gwalchmai - Christopher Tambling

REFLECTION

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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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
Forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
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 661 *Come to My Heart*

1 Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

2 Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
Fill me with love today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

3 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

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SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION

May God bless your work of faith,
your labour of love and your endurance of hope
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go on your way in joy, my friends

POSTLUDE

On Old Hundreth - Healey Willan

THANK YOU TO ALL TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister	The Rev. Jim Potter retired to the Kingston area in 2015 after 35 years in ministry in the United Church of Canada. He has served in Cape Breton, Southwestern Ontario and for the last 22 years before retirement at Lennoxville United Church, in Sherbrooke, Quebec. He is married to his wife Louise and they have four grown children and two grandchildren.
Organist	Aurora Dokken
Hymn Choir	Rob Bruce Margot Craft Joan Egnatoff Bill Egnatoff Barb Fletcher Al Fletcher Juliet Milsome Janice Moncrieff Anja Troje
Media Production	Brigitta Holzschuh
Recording Assistance	Bill Egnatoff

Sunday, October 18

- **The service, in its entirety,** will also be uploaded to YouTube, following the service in our sanctuary today.

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.

The Benevolent Fund is in need of the following items for the Blessing Box please: toothbrushes, deodorants, moisturizing cream (many are living outside which is hard on the hands), feminine hygiene products, as well as food products such as: Kraft dinners, cans of tuna, peanut butter and pasta. Anyone willing to donate any of these items, please contact Jan Trites 613- 547-0480 or carolsleeth@chalmersunitedchurch.com to arrange a drop off time.