

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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Services in our Sanctuary are live streamed with a recording subsequently posted on Sunday afternoons on our YouTube channel.

Our Worship Service today has been pre-recorded and posted on our YouTube channel.

Next Sunday, Nov. 29, our Service will be live in the Sanctuary when The Rev. Brian Yealland will lead us in Worship.

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

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- **For bulletin materials please use:**
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- Please send announcements you wish made verbally to:
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Song Books are:
VU *Voices United* and MV *More Voices*

Chalmers United Church

is a community of God's people who embrace Christian tradition and encourage new ideas.
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)



We gather to celebrate

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Savannah - Stanley Van

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

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Where two or more are gathered, be it in person or online,
in written word or in shared speech,
God is in our midst.**

**When two or more are gathered, be it in a friendly phone call
or our sharing in a mission,
God is in our midst.**

**Where two or more are gathered, right now,
in this time and place, from wherever we may be listening,
God is in our midst.**

Let us worship God!

PRAYERS OF APPROACH

Holy God, this day, You call us into community as we gather in your name. While we may not be able to see the faces of those worshipping with us, we know that we are not alone; just as we cannot see Your Face, yet we know you are with us. May we allow ourselves this time to pull away from the demands which lay before us, to be still, to be reflective, to be comforted and to be challenged by Your Living word, just as relevant today as in the days they were first recorded.

Fill us with your Spirit. In Jesus name we pray. **AMEN**

HYMN MV 12 *Come Touch our Hearts*

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

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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.

Psalm 100

Matthew 25: 31 - 46

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 183 *We Meet You, O Christ*

1 We meet You, O Christ, in many a guise:
your image we see in simple and wise.
You live in a palace, exist in a shack.
we see you, the gardener, a tree on your back.

2 In millions alive, away and abroad;
involved in our life you live down the road.
Imprisoned in systems, You long to be free.
we see you, O Jesus, still bearing your tree.

3 We hear you, O Christ, in agony cry.
For freedom You march, in riots you die.
Your face in the papers we read and we see.
The tree must be planted by human decree.

4 You choose to be made at one with the earth;
the dark of the grave prepares for your birth.
Your death is Your rising, creative your word:
the tree springs to life and our hope is restored.

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MEDITATION

We Want to See Jesus!

Rev. Dr. William Smith

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

Gerontius - John Marsh

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMISSIONING

Go into the world with a tender and a daring love
Look for the face of Christ in all whom you meet
And may all you meet see the face of Christ in you

BENEDICTION

And now, may the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all. Amen.

CHORAL BLESSING

VU 955 *Dona Nobis Pacem* - Iona Community

POSTLUDE

Celtic Song of Praise - Sue Armitstead Moore

THANK YOU TO ALL TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister The Rev. Dr. Bill Smith has served congregations in Long Sault, Cornwall, Ottawa and Belleville prior to his appointment as Executive Secretary of the Bay of Quinte Conference in 2012. He retired from that position in 2019. This past year he worked as supply minister at Edith Rankin Memorial United Church while they were in the process of calling their new minister.

He is a graduate of St. Pat's College (B.A); Queen's University (M. Div.) and Ashland Theological Seminary (D. Min).

Bill has always been involved in community ministry and in 2012 was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for his work in the community and the Maria Cristina Medal for his work in El Salvador.

Bill is married to Sharon and together they have four children and seven grandchildren

Organist Aurora Dokken

Hymn Choir Rob Bruce, Margot Craft, Joan Egnatoff, Bill Egnatoff, Barb Fletcher, Al Fletcher, Juliet Milsome, Janice Moncrieff, Anja Troje

Trio Allison Josselyn, clarinet
Sue Armitstead Moore, clarinet
Ian Moore, cello

Sound & Media Tech Brigitta Holzschuh
Technical Chair Nick Steinberg

- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING December 6, 2020** There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday December 06, 2020 at noon by Zoom and teleconference to approve the following: the second six month budget from July to December 2020, the 2019 Review Engagement Report, the Annual Report 2019-2020 and the actions of CCE from May 2019 to November 2020. Monika Holzschuh has agreed to host and will start letting people in at 11:30 am.
- **Looking for Techies:** There is an opportunity for you to join our tech team to participate in putting together recorded and live worship services. This would be a great time to learn what happens up in that sound booth! If you are interested, please contact Nick Steinberg at steinberg777@hotmail.com. Thank you.
- **The Blessing Box is in need of the following items please:**



granola snack bars and baggies of laundry soap. If you are able to donate any of these items, please contact Jan Trites 613-547-0480 or carolsleeth@chalmersunitedchurch.com to arrange a drop off time.

Thank you for all the recent goodies and donations for the Blessing Box and for the financial contributions to the Benevolent Fund Program.

Donations by cheque or e-transfer to the Chalmers Benevolent Fund are gratefully accepted; with Covid the need is even greater this year.