



**Next Sunday, Nov. 22,** our Worship Service will be pre-recorded and posted on our YouTube channel. Our Guest Minister will be the Rev. Dr. William Smith.

The next Service in our Sanctuary will be **on Nov. 29** when the Rev. Brian Yealland will lead us in Worship.

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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. 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**

*Rhosymedre* - Ralph Vaughan Williams

### **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**

Today we find ourselves shifting awareness from the November 11 remembering of the human sacrifices that have kept us free to the beginning celebration of Advent next Sunday that propels us into the remembering of God's response to deeper inner threats to our freedom.

We come together today as a people seeking the spiritual refreshment that can help us to see more clearly, to love more fully and to hope with more assurance.

#### **PRAYERS OF APPROACH**

Wondrous God, you touch our lives with healing and justice.  
New life is your gift.

We praise you for the Good News in the person of Jesus  
who promises to meet us where we are on life's journey  
sometimes joyous, sometimes frightened, sometimes angry,  
sometimes discouraged.

May this time of worship nourish us where we are today.

May we be empowered to carry forth your goodness into the  
coming week.

We pray in Jesus name, our Source and our Liberator. Amen

**HYMN VU 512** *Lord You Give the Great Commission*

**1** Lord, you give the great commission:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the Church neglect its mission  
and the Gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

**2** Lord, you call us to your service:

"In my name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervour, draw us  
closer in community;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

**3** Lord, you make the common holy:

"This my body, this my blood."

Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children's liberty;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

**4** Lord, you show us love's true measure:

"Father, what they do, forgive."

Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

**5** Lord, you bless with words assuring:

"I am with you to the end."

Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

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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.

Matthew 4:18-22

John 8:1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN** VU 652 *Be Still My Soul*

- 1 Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide  
who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, your best, your heav'nly friend  
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul, your God will undertake  
to guide the future surely as the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey  
the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.
- 3 Be still, my soul, the hour is hast'ning on  
when we shall be forever in God's peace;  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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### **REFLECTION**

*A Love that Liberates and Empowers* Rev. Dr. Don Misener

## COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

### SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

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### ANTHEM

*Be Not Afraid – Bob Dufford, S.J.*

### 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 333 *Love Divine*

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be:  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
'til in heav'n we take our place,  
'til we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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#### **BLESSING**

May the love of God, deeper than our fears;  
the strength of Christ stronger than our need.  
The power of the Holy Spirit enriching each day  
guide and sustain us today, and in all our tomorrows.

#### **COMMISSIONING**

Go forth  
for the love of God is yours to share:  
the peace of Christ is yours to extend;  
the blessing of the Spirit is yours to pass on.

#### **CHORAL BLESSING**

**VU 955** *Dona Nobis Pacem* - Iona Community

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Fantasia* BWV 570 - J.S. Bach

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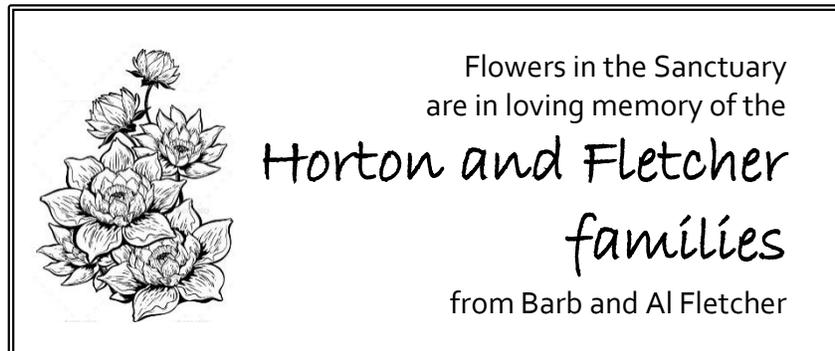
**Guest Minister** **Rev. Dr. Don Misener** is a graduate of McMaster University and Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts where he received his Doctor of Ministry in 1973. In 1968 Don was ordained to gospel ministry with the Baptist Convention of Ontario. He transferred his ordination credentials to the United Church of Canada in 2002. Over the course of his professional career in Canada and the U.S., his Ministry has included Chaplaincy with the Correctional Service of Canada, being a Clinical Pastoral and Spiritual Care educator, as a Faculty member at Theological Colleges and for the Church, and serving as a Pastoral Minister. Don and his wife Bonnie have collaborated as educators over their careers. They enjoy spending time with their family of 3 sons and daughters-in-laws and 9 grandchildren. Don continues to provide pulpit supply, spiritual direction, future direction planning and pastoral consultation.

**Organist** Aurora Dokken

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

**Sound & Media Tech** Brigitta Holzschuh

**Technical Chair** Nick Steinberg



- **Worship Services Schedule:** In October, CCE approved the reopening protocol for in person services beginning October 18 alternating with pre-recorded services up to November 8. At that time, CCE would re-evaluate the reopening protocol.

At its meeting yesterday, CCE decided to maintain the same schedule of alternating in person and pre-recorded services until the end of December. The service on November 15 will be an in person service; the service on November 22, pre-recorded.

- **Thank you:** I hope you have been appreciating all the great work that our sound techs Olivia O'Driscoll and Brigitta Holzschuh have been putting into our recorded and live worship services these past few months. Please join with me in thanking and wishing Olivia well as she moves on to further challenges. I'd also like you to consider this an opportunity for you to join our tech team to participate in presenting worship in this unique way. 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](mailto:steinberg777@hotmail.com). Thank you.

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**Donations** to the Chalmers Benevolent Fund are gratefully accepted; with Covid the need is even greater this year.