

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 Service today is being live-streamed from Chalmers with the Rev. Brian Yealland leading us in Worship.

Next Sunday, Dec. 6, our Worship Service will be pre-recorded and posted on our YouTube channel. Our Guest Minister will be The Rev. Dr. Paul Currie.

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Staff can be reached by telephone and email.

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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

Veni Emmanuel - John Bertalot

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

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.

INTROIT

Hope Is a Star

VU 7, verse 1

1 Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain:

when God is a child there's joy in our song.
the last shall be first and the weak will be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Called to hope, we come before God to open our souls.
Called to love, we open our hearts.
Called by the cries of a broken world, we offer our courage.
Called to community, we come together in peace.
Let us worship God, our maker, our sustainer.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

O what a day set before us this is, Creator God,
as we begin our season of birth and recreation.
We come fearful and tentative, for the journey that leads us
by star light and wonder to a holy place in Bethlehem,
we make this year in our homes and our hearts, constrained,
not just by contagion, but by our grief for immense loss in this past
year. Yet you lead us still, in this place, on this day, in our worship
and in our lives, to see even this journey not as an end
but a beginning, slow and faltering steps toward a future
we can imagine but not yet live, a long winter that tries our
patience, but your spring, your new birth, will surely come.
Sustain us, inspire us this day, loving God, as we wait. Amen

HYMN VU 2 *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy People free:
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art.
Dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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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 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9

Mark 13: 24 - 37

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 242 *Let All Things Now Living*

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

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OFFERTORY

O Gott, du frommer Gott - Johannes Brahms

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 424 *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

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COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING

Jubilate Deo - Michael Praetorius

VU 247

POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts - Shaker Melody

arr. Dennis Janzer

THANK YOU TO ALL TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister **The Rev. Brian Yealland** was raised in Belleville, attended U of T and then studied theology at Queen's, and was ordained in 1972. Brian worked in corrections from 1972 to 1983, then was Queens Chaplain for 30 years. Brian has been retired for 7 years but stays busy renovating, sailing, and playing in bands. Brian is married to Susan Gilger, currently a chaplain at Joyceville minimum security prison. They have six adult children between them and five grandchildren. Brian first attended Chalmers as a high school student in 1965, and has a long association in ministry with the people of Chalmers.

Pipe Organ Aurora Dokken
Piano Angela Stewart
Hymn Choir Rob Bruce, Margot Craft, Joan Egnatoff, Bill Egnatoff, Barb Fletcher, Al Fletcher, Juliet Milsome, Janice Moncrieff, David Spooner, Anja Troje
Sound & Media Tech Brigitta Holzschuh
Technical Chair Nick Steinberg

*As a loving memorial to
Mary F. Dunbar,
John F. Lucyk,
Darryl S. Lucyk,*



a gift of Olive Tree Saplings has been made by their family
to the West Bank Palestinians
through the United Church's Mission and Service Fund

*The flowers are in loving memory of
Alex Bryans*

A lifetime peacemaker.
From Jos, Mary, Elaine and family.



Sunday, Dec. 6

- **12pm: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** There will be a Congregational Meeting 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. The Zoom invitation will be sent out closer to the meeting on Dec. 6.

Tues. Dec. 8

- **4pm:** CCE will meet by Zoom.
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- **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.