

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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<https://chalmersunitedchurch.org/weekly-worship/>

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

Next Sunday, Nov. 15, our Worship Service will be in the Sanctuary. Our Guest Minister will be the Rev. Dr. Don Misener.

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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

Morning Song - William France

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.

INTROIT

Call Forth Your Servants - Kris Michaelson

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered to worship God.
We have come seeking comfort,
inspiration, community, and insight.
We have come to open ourselves
to the power of God's presence in our midst.
We have come to offer up the seasons
and the turnings in our lives,
and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.

PRAYERS OF APPROACH

Come to us, Holy God,
as we gather before you;
encircle us with your love.
Bless us with your sustaining presence;
surround us with your grace.
Draw us 'round your living Word,
and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ,
whose Spirit is in our midst.
Amen.

HYMN VU 506 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

5 Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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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 25: 1 – 13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN *Give Me Oil in My Lamp*

1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
give me oil in my lamp, I pray
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain:

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
sing hosanna to the Servant King!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna, let us sing!**

2 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
keep me praising till the break of day. **R**

3 Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving
give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving
keep me loving till the break of day. **R**

4 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Keep me serving till the break of day. **R**

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MEDITATION

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Rev. Murdock McFarlane

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

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ANTHEM

Soon and Very Soon - Andraé Crouch, Setting by Joel Raney

Joan Egnatoff, piano; Bill Egnatoff, flute

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 684 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

1 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

3 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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COMMISSIONING

“Go grab this day and do something with it. God help us if we do and God help us if we don’t.”

(The Very Rev. Wilbur Howard, former Moderator of the United Church of Canada)

BENEDICTION

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

CHORAL BLESSING

Dona Nobis Pacem – Iona Community

POSTLUDE

On Dundee - Charles Hubert Hastings Perry

THANK YOU TO ALL TALENTS SHARED

- Guest Minister** Rev. Murdock McFarlane graduated from Queens Theological College and has served a number of pastoral charges before his retirement in 2011. He served the Odessa, Elginburg pastoral charge, St. Andrews by the Lake pastoral charge and Beaurepaire United church in Beaconsfield, Quebec. He is married and has 3 adult children and 6 grandchildren. He, and his wife Deborah, live near Sunbury in a 19th century stone farmhouse, where they enjoy gardening and the company of 5 Tibetan Terrier dogs.
- Organist** Aurora Dokken
- Hymn Choir** Margot Craft, Joan Egnatoff, Bill Egnatoff, Barb Fletcher, Al Fletcher, Juliet Milsome, Janice Moncrieff, David Spooner, Anja Troje
- Sound & Media Techs** Brigitta Holzschuh, Olivia O’Driscoll
- Recording Assistance** Bill Egnatoff
- Technical Chair** Nick Steinberg

Tues. Nov. 10

- **CCE will meet** by Zoom and teleconference at 4 pm.
- **CCE Update:** Members of the Coordinating Council of Elders met on Oct. 30 by Zoom with representatives of FaithCARE facilitators. FaithCARE is preparing a formal contract proposal for how they would participate in a restorative process at Chalmers, as mandated by the Region’s Council of Elders. The contract proposal will be distributed to everyone after receipt and consideration by C.C.E.

Tues. Nov. 10

- **The Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet** by ZOOM, gathering at 1:00 and speaker at 1:15. Our speaker will be Brett Christopher, Managing Artistic Director of the Thousand Islands Playhouse. The topic is the "Theatre in the time of COVID: plays may be cancelled but Creativity isn't." 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 and current uncertainty presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, this session is being held on Zoom and the event will not include lunch. Please let Meikle know if you plan to attend. Meikle will send you the link to the Zoom session shortly before November 10. There will be no charge for attending this "lunchless" Lunch & Learn session. Our speaker for December 8 is Kim Garrison from Princess Street United Church who will talk about the transformation at their church in their relationship with Home Based Housing.

The Blessing Box is still in need of the following items please:

toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorants, food products such as: granola snack bars and cans of tuna. 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 the donations of Kraft dinners, feminine hygiene products, various toiletries, toilet paper and financial donations!

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



Chalmers Queens Good Times Diner Update: Last Sunday, a team of nine Queen's students descended on Chalmers' kitchen to prepare take-out Burrito Bowls – vegetarian option available - for thirty students. Gloved, masked, shielded and efficient, they chopped, mixed, and cooked their recipes from scratch in just over an hour, ready for the eager students who had signed up online to pick them up at 5:30. The team leaders, who work out quantities and timing, are thrilled with the response from the Queen's community, and hope to increase the number of available meals in the future. The Sunday night dinners will continue through Nov. to Dec. 6 when they will break for the holiday. This initiative dovetails well with Chalmers' long-held desire to reach out to the Queen's community and fulfills the Good Times Diner mission of providing nutritious meals to cash-strapped students.

