

# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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"MOVING FORWARD"

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We invite you to listen online at a time that you choose to set aside for  
worship and meditation.  
<https://chalmersunitedchurch.org/weekly-worship/>  
Services in our Sanctuary are live streamed with a recording  
subsequently posted on Sunday afternoons on our YouTube channel.

**Due to the Covid regulations, our Services are currently being** pre-recorded and posted on our YouTube channel.

**"During the state of emergency,** Chalmers remains closed to all but essential maintenance and community support as needed. All other church activities should be carried out at/from home if possible. Worship services will continue to be available on-line. Please do all you can to remain safe and healthy."

"Specifically AA – Designed for Living and GTD – Queen's Good Times Diner fall under community service/support activities. Both of these activities can continue with the necessary precautions to remain as safe as possible. GTD would be limited to 5 people only, and AA – Designed for Living to 10 persons only during this Stay-at-Home Order. The Chalmers Benevolent Fund program, also a social service, will continue to operate with reduced staffing."

**Next Sunday, Jan. 24,** the Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group, supported by Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches, will lead in Worship. Juliet Huntly and Jim Leake will share the reflection on why it is so difficult to talk about racism, with other Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group members contributing to the service.

**On Sunday Jan.31** the Guest Minister for our pre-recorded Worship Service will be the Rev. Don McLean.

**Starting on Feb. 7,** the first Worship Service each month will be held via Zoom. More information and an invitation to participate will be shared next week.

- **To submit materials for the bulletin, 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:  
bulletin@chalmersunitedchurch.com  
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The Chalmers Church House Office remains closed.  
Staff can be reached by telephone and email.  
For Rentals/room bookings please email office@chalmersunitedchurch.com

**Bold Text** indicates the parts that everyone reads together.  
**Song Books are:** VU *Voices United* and MV *More Voices*

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Auf meinen lieben Gott* - Johann Nicklaus Hanff

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 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.

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### INTROIT

*You are Before Me, God* - Alfred Morton Smith

VU pg 862

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps. 117, 118, v.1

**Leader:** Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Extol God, all you peoples!

**People:** For great is God's steadfast love toward us,  
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

**Leader:** O give thanks to the Lord for God is good;

**People:** God's steadfast love endures forever.

#### PRAYER OF APPROACH

We come together, O God, because you have spoken your word of invitation and welcome. We are drawn to the promise of your presence and by the persistence of your call. Speak to us in ways we can understand. We want to listen because your message provides us with value and meaning. May your word be heard in our midst for our better living. **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 made us to be true.  
God rules over all creation,  
daily making all things new.

**2** Join the praise for every creature,  
sing with singing birds at dawn;  
when the stars shine forth at 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.

**Hebrew Scripture:** Psalm 139: 1 - 6, 23 – 24

**New Testament:** John 1: 43 - 51

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN VU 578** *As a Fire Is Meant For Burning*

**1** As a fire is meant for burning  
With a bright and warming flame,  
so the church is meant for mission,  
giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs,  
but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations,  
finding neighbours everywhere.

**2** We are learners; we are teachers;  
we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers;  
we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions,  
we would show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening Spirit,  
we would live to God's delight.

**3** As a green bud in the springtime  
Is a sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness  
mid earth's peoples, many-hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens  
when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance  
of God's new and glorious dawn.

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SERMON  
*Moving Forward*

The Rev. Ian Mackay

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

**SHARING OF OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

*on Gibbons' Song 24 - Healey Willan*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*May the Grace of Christ Attend Us - Jeeva Sam*

VU 963

**POSTLUDE**

*on Song 34, op. 105, no. 1 - Charles Colliers Stanford*

## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

**Guest Minister**      **The Rev. Ian Mackay Minister** has been an ordained Minister of the United Church for 50 years having served pastorates in northern Manitoba (Flin Flon), south-western Ontario (London and Chatham), eastern Ontario (Edith Rankin Memorial, 1983-1993) and Montreal (St. Lambert, 1994-2010). In their retirement years, he and his wife Jane live near Verona where they regularly attend and offer services to Trinity United Church. They have 3 sons and 3 grandchildren. Two of the families live on the west coast, in the Seattle area and in New Westminster, and their youngest son lives in Halifax. This, alone can keep them active, travelling to both sides of the country! They also enjoy cycling, but only for much shorter distances and close to home!

**Interim Music Director**      Aurora Dokken

**Hymn Choir**      Joan Egnatoff, Bill Egnatoff, Janice Moncrieff

**Sound & Media Techs** Brigitta Holzschuh, Catie Doane

**Technical Chair**      Nick Steinberg

### Tuesday, Feb. 9

- **The Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** the topic will be "Racism" with Stephany Simpson, Associate VP Queen's University, (Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion) as our speaker.
- **The ad hoc Music Committee welcomes** the contribution of musical offerings for our worship in 2021. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to prepare a recording, please contact one of us to discuss the details. Joan Egnatoff, joane@kingston.net; or Bill Egnatoff, egnatoff@kingston.net 613 634-3341

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