

# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



JANUARY 31, 2021

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"THAT LUCKY DAY"

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

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### **SUNG PRELUDE MV 4** *All Who Are Thirsty*

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,  
come to the fountain.  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.  
We sing Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus come.

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,  
come to the fountain.  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.  
Holy Spirit come. Holy Spirit come. Holy Spirit come.

As deep cries out to deep we sing  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus come.

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#### **WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (CELEBRATIONS)

**Refrain:**

**Make a joyful noise all the earth!  
Worship your God with gladness.  
Make a joyful noise all the earth.  
Come to this place with a song!**

- 1 Know that your God has made you.  
Know it's to God we belong.  
And come to this place with joyfulnes and praise.  
Worship your God with a song! **R**
- 2 Enter these gates, thanks-giving.  
Enter these courts with praise.  
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.  
Worship your God with a song! **R**
- 3 Ages through endless ages,  
seasons of endless years,  
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.  
Worship your God with a song! **R**

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PRAYER OF APPROACH

As we join in worship, O God, we hope to be touched by your truth and love. Inspire our minds to know you, gladden our hearts to love you and strengthen our wills to serve you. May we be open to your life-giving Spirit, and to each other. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

**SONG** *The Turning of the World*

Let us sing this song for the turning of the world  
that we may turn as one  
With every voice, every song, we will move this world along  
And our lives will feel the echo of our turning  
    With every voice, with every song  
    We will move this world along  
    With every voice, every song, we will move this world along  
    And our lives will feel the echo of our turning

Let us sing this song for the healing of the world  
that we may heal as one  
With every voice, every song, we will move this world along  
And our lives will feel the echo of our healing  
    With every voice, with every song  
    We will move this world along  
    With every voice, every song, we will move this world along  
    And our lives will feel the echo of our healing

Let us sing this song for the loving of the world  
that we may love as one  
With every voice, every song, we will move this world along  
And our lives will feel the echo of our loving  
    With every voice, with every song  
    We will move this world along  
    With every voice, every song, we will move this world along  
    And our lives will feel the echo of our loving

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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.

### **SCRIPTURE**

St. Mark 1: 21 – 28 (NRSV)  
as told by Linnea Good

### **REFLECTION**

*That Lucky Day*

The Rev. Don McLean

**HYMN MV 154** *Deep in our Hearts*

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and freedom in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

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## COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE PRAYER OF JESUS

**HYMN MV 143** *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky*

We cannot own the sunlit sky,  
the moon, the wildflow'rs growing,  
for we are part of all that is  
within life's river flowing.

With open hands receive and share  
the gifts of God's creation,  
that all may have abundant life  
in ev'ry earthly nation.

God calls humanity to join  
as partners in creating  
a future free from want or fear,  
life's goodness celebrating,  
that new world beckons from afar,  
invites our shared endeavour,  
that all may have abundant life  
and peace endure forever.

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## BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

### *Un Canadien Errant*

arr. D. Coakley

Recorded in Chalmers United on a snowy January evening  
in the last decade of the previous century.

Joan Sutherland & Lisa Draper, violins, Chris Fraser, viola,  
and Don McLean, cello

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## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

**Guest Minister** **The Rev. Don McLean** McLean CD, ThM, MDiv, BA  
(*Music*) first appeared as a toddler at Chalmers Church in  
1965 and has had various associations with the  
congregation ever since. While studying music at  
Queen's (and singing in the Chalmers Choir) in the early  
1980's, he was given the use of various practice spaces at  
Chalmers, and for a time lived on the top floor of  
Chalmers House. In 1984 he became a Candidate for  
Ordained Ministry sponsored by Chalmers. Since  
ordination in 1987, Don has fulfilled various pastoral  
appointments, also serving as a Chaplain in the Royal  
Canadian Navy Reserve for more than 12 years. He first  
played in the Kingston Symphony 39 years ago and  
continues as a member in its' cello section. For the past  
decade he has been in ministry with the Norwood-  
Westwood Pastoral Charge. Don and Anna, their twins  
Evelyn & Ian (now 7), and canine Bailey, live in view of the  
Trent River in Asphodel-Norwood Township.

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

**Technical Chair** Nick Steinberg

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday, January 31

- **This Sunday** we are very grateful to have the Rev. Don McLean as our Guest Minister **and** for the opportunity to share in worship with the Norwood-Westwood Pastoral Charge Congregations. The "Vimeo" link to the service is: <https://vimeo.com/505988947> . It will also be posted to the Chalmers YouTube channel on Sunday morning.

### Sun. Feb. 7

- **Starting next Sunday, the first Worship Service each month will be a Chalmers' House Service** held via Zoom. Our first service of 2021 was a "House Church", and while attendance was small, we received some very positive feedback. CCE has decided that we should gather in this "House Church" format on the first Sunday of each month. This format offers us an opportunity to minister to each other and to build relationships among us. **Thanks to Zoom, we can be together, talk with each other and see each other.** If you don't have a computer, you can join by phone.

**Our next house church** is on Sunday February 7 --- the 5th Sunday after Epiphany. Michael Cooke has agreed to help lead our gathering. The lectionary readings are Isaiah 40:21-31, Ps 147: 1-11, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 and Mark 1:29-39. Each offers wisdom about healing power of our faith and the call to preach the gospel.

**We invite you to offer** to volunteer to read one of these passages or to sing a favourite hymn that we can incorporate into the service. Send your offer to participate to, Michael at [mcooke253@gmail](mailto:mcooke253@gmail.com) or 416-209-6156 by Monday, Feb. 1.

The zoom link and phone numbers to access the service are in the Bulletin E-blast and will remain the same for all House Church services. We will always start with a Coffee Hour at 10am.

As we are being guided by FaithCARE to find a way forward as a congregation, this is an opportunity to experience and to build community. Please get involved by attending live and offering to participate. It's the Sunday before Valentine's Day --- this is a great way to show your love for Chalmers and your fellow congregants.



### Mon. Feb. 8

- **4pm** The whole congregation is invited to a Zoom meeting to discuss the draft 2021 proposed budget and similar concerns.

This year we are still in an unsettled financial state. We are proposing a caretaking budget to move us into 2021 and to show to everyone the effect of staffing, decreasing givings and membership, and Covid impacts. It shows our assumptions of our mandated FaithCARE engagement and estimation on future Minister and half-time Administrator salaries as suggested by Beth Symes in her report - although there does not seem to be much movement from Region in this direction.

A summary of the budget will be provided next week. As we continue to discuss as a whole congregation, and further information about 2021 becomes clearer, the budget will inevitably change and can be adjusted over time as needed.

Nick and I, and the CCE, encourage all who are interested to come and be part of the discussion on Monday afternoon the 8th of February. If you are interested in participating, please contact Joan Simeon or Nick Steinberg and we will send you the detailed budget and the meeting Zoom information and invitation.

Joan Simeon - jsimeon601@gmail.com

### Tuesday, Feb. 9

- **Our Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet by ZOOM.** We are very pleased to have as our speaker Stephanie Simpson, Associate Vice Principal Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion at Queen's University. The title of Stephanie's talk is "**Racism and remembrance: Stories of a small-town anti-racism advisor.**"

You are invited to sign on earlier than previously to facilitate those who would like to have more time for conversation before the meeting. Signing on will now commence at 12:45 pm. At 1:10 pm we will have congregational announcements and then introduce our speaker.

Everyone from Chalmers and all our 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 preferably before Sunday evening Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Meikle will send you the link to the Zoom session on Monday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be no charge for attending this Lunch & Learn session.

**Our next Lunch & Learn meeting** will be on March 9, 2021 with speaker Tina Bailey, Exec. Dir. of the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

- 4pm: CCE will meet by Zoom.

Sunday, Feb. 14

- The Guest Minister for our Worship Service on Feb. 14 will be Pastor Ruth Wood.

Feb. 24 - March 24

- **Coming up: An Intra-Church Bible Study Series** with Rev. Dr. Bill Morrow on *Difficult Texts of the Old Testament and the Gospel*.

**Feb 24** Divine Violence in the Flood (Genesis 6)

**March 3** The Expulsion of Hagar (Genesis 21)

**March 10** The Sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22)

**March 17** Does God Reward Tricksters? (Genesis 28)

**March 24** General Discussion: The Morality of God in the Book of Genesis

This Lenten series focuses on some of the hardest texts to understand in the book of Genesis. Each week, it meets from 7-9 pm. After a short vesper service in the tradition of the host congregation, the evening will focus on the text chosen for discussion. St. James will host information including handouts at [stjameskingston.ca/lenten-series](http://stjameskingston.ca/lenten-series).

### BENEVOLENT FUND PROGRAM

**The Blessing Box** is in need of: Kraft dinner boxes, small jars of peanut butter, cans of tuna and laundry detergent. If you can donate, please call Jan at 613- 547-0480 to arrange drop off.

Another thought is - if you have the ability and some free time, **we are asking for some cloth masks to be made**. We can easily share masks with those folks who may need one, by placing it in the envelope when they receive grocery gift cards.

