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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 home if possible. Worship services will continue to be available on-line. Please do all you can to remain safe and healthy.

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- **Please send announcements** you wish made verbally to:

bulletin@chalmersunitedchurch.com

and Al Fletcher: afletcher8@cogeco.ca

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Staff can be reached by telephone and email.

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- **To support Chalmers** and the ongoing work it does in our community, donations to the church can be made by:

1. mailing in your gift to:

Envelope Secretary, 212 Barrie St. Kingston, ON K7N 1A3

2. dropping your envelope through the mail slot at the house, anytime to:
212 Barrie St. at Clergy St. Kingston.

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Song Books are: VU *Voices United* and MV *More Voices*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Diferencias Variations - Antonio de Cabezon

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *1

Look back! Look back with courage!
Face the truth God reveals to you!
Look forward! Look forward with hope!
Look to the future!
See possibilities growing from the seeds of lessons learned!
There is NO shame in learning history!
There is NO shame in relearning history!
Let us learn and unlearn history together.
Wisdom is vindicated by all her children.
And all God's children proclaim: "So be it!"

PRAYER OF APPROACH *1

Almighty God,
Source of Life and Life itself.
Your Holy Spirit gathers us into your presence
As a hen gathers her chicks to herself.
In the safety of this sacred space—virtual or real—
help us settle into this time
Of being together: individuals in shared community
through Christ and with Christ.
Help us push aside distracting thoughts
that impede our learning and our listening.
Help us uncover our fears:
drive out each one with your perfect and perfecting love
So that we can be changed in mind
and will be changed in heart.
Thank you for accepting us as teachable:
thank you for accepting us as willing disciples
willing to grow in our faith, in our Spirits,
and in our connection to you and to one another.
Amen.

HYMN VU 104 *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

1 We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

2 Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
To proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

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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.

Mark 9: 2 - 10

2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 367 *Come Down, O Love Divine*

- 1** Come down O love divine
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing.
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
- 2** O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, my onward path illuming.
- 3** And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till love creates the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.

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REFLECTION

Let Light Shine Out of the Darkness

Pastor Ruth Wood

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Offertory on *Slane* - William France

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

a paraphrase VU 916

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by people of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and
forever. Amen.**

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH *1

Look forward, look back, look outward, look within, and look around!
Learn your histories: those of your family and those of your faith. As you
do, remember you are a beloved child of God, a precious sibling of Christ,
and
a treasured companion to the Holy Spirit. Stay blessed and bless up.

SUNG BENEDICTION

Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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POSTLUDE

Fantasie in a minor - J.S. Bach

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THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister

Pastor Ruth Wood is a retired Designated Lay Minister who began ministry as a student at Wolfe Island U.C. She retired from Calvary U.C. in 2015 and was then engaged as a part-time Chaplain at Queen's University for two years. She is currently the Supervising Minister for Sydenham Street U.C. Ruth and her wife Anne, are two of the facilitators for TransFamily Kingston, a support group for transgender people and their family members. Ruth is a frequent speaker/panellist at the Queen's School of Medicine where she advises on how transgender issues apply to the practice of medicine.

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Nick Steinberg

TO THE CONGREGATION
OF CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

Friends,

As you may be aware, I was asked by the CCE to serve as a Commission for the purpose of establishing a Reference Team to assist the FaithCARE facilitators, Bill Bickle and The Rev. Bruce Schenk. This decision was effected to ensure a selection process that was decidedly unbiased.

Thanks to those who expressed interest in serving, and those others who 'nominated' individuals they believed would be potential participants, I had a plethora of possible candidates to consider.

After much discernment and prayer, I settled on the following individuals; each of them has graciously agreed to participate, and for their willing spirit, I thank them, on your behalf.

Chalmers Reference Team

Bill Egnatoff,
Heather Faris,
David King,
Mary Davis Little,
Nick Steinberg,
Anja Troje

With this work accomplished, I have fulfilled the duty asked of me; my Commission is concluded.



Commissioner/Supervising Minister, Chalmers United Church

Sunday March 7

- **11:30 am: Congregational Meeting:** There will be a Congregational Meeting by Zoom and teleconference following the 'House Church' service to approve the 2021 Operating Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday Feb. 21

- **Our Guest Minister will be** the Rev. Ian Mackay. We are very grateful that Ian has agreed to lead us in Worship for all of our Services during Lent and on Easter Sunday.

SPECIAL LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES

As has been the custom in previous years, a number of Churches, the Ecumenical Worship Partnership, are planning special Lenten and Easter Worship Services.

The following are the Services which are being planned and the Congregations which will have primary responsibility for organizing them:

Wednesday, February 17 - Ash Wednesday

St. Paul's Anglican in Sydenham and Princess Street United Churches

Thursday April 1 - Maundy Thursday

St. Mark's Lutheran and Chalmers United Churches

Friday April 2 - Good Friday

St. Andrew's Presbyterian and Faith United Churches

Saturday, April 3 - an Easter Vigil Service

St. James and St. Paul's Anglican and Sydenham Street United Churches

Sunday April 11 - Easter 2

All Churches participating in a Service of Lessons and Carols with congregational hymns, readings, and anthems.

The first shared Worship Service will be this week on Ash Wednesday, Feb.17.

All these Services will be pre-recorded and posted on the Ecumenical Worship Partnership YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWRIJZoKQxFCskoV_GI_xQQ

Feb. 24 - March 24

- **Coming up: An Intra-Church 2021 Kingston Ecumenical Bible Study Series** with Rev. Dr. Bill Morrow on *Difficult Texts of the Old Testament and the Gospel*. Time: Wednesdays in Lent from 7 - 9pm starting Feb. 24
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82370698764?pwd=ZlB6NWdqcktja1lNMGxZMkRTdUl6Zz09> Meeting ID: 823 7069 8764 Passcode: 938530

- Feb 24** Divine Violence in the Flood (Genesis 6)
Andrew Johnston - St. Andrew's, Presbyterian
- March 3** The Expulsion of Hagar (Genesis 21)
Georgiana Stewart - St. Paul's, Anglican (Sydenham)
- March 10** The Sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22)
Seth Perry - St. Mark's, Lutheran
- March 17** Does God Reward Tricksters? (Genesis 28)
Lynn Freeman - Sydenham Street United
or Andrew Chisolm - St. James
- March 24** General Discussion: The Morality of God in the Book of Genesis
Sandra Hounsell-Drover - St. Mark's, Anglican

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.

Confirmed participants in no particular order are:
St. Mark's Anglican, Barriefield / St. Mark's, Lutheran, Kingston / St. Paul's, Anglican, Sydenham / St. Andrew's, Presbyterian, Kingston / St. James, Anglican, Kingston / Sydenham Street United, Kingston / Chalmers United, Kingston

BENEVOLENT FUND PROGRAM

Thank YOU for all the recent donations to the Blessing Box! These will help us, help others, for the next little while. Cans of tuna and baggies of laundry detergent or pods would still be welcomed. As well, if you are culling during February, people can use any surplus hats, mitts or socks. 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 their grocery gift cards.



REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

- **Keys had been busy welcoming new GAR (Government-assisted Refugee) families** since December 2020. They have already received about 50 clients, with more coming in the coming weeks! With the lockdown and Thrift shops closed they will really appreciate our help. For small items PLEASE box and mark contents. Call to arrange drop off, (out near the airport) and I will open the garage. Zuby Saloojee 613 389 9731 or <mailto:mzsaloojee@hotmail.com>.

Donation list to help newcomer families settle in their houses.

Kitchen Items:

Dishes – plates, bowls, mugs, etc. / Cutlery & Utensils / Pots & Pans
Mixing Bowls / Electric mixer or food processor / Drinking glasses
Cups for children / Kitchen towels and dishcloths

Washrooms Items:

Towels / Shower curtain

Household and Bedroom Items:

Bedding – new or gently used / Mattress protectors / Blankets
Pillows / Duvets/ blankets / Curtain rods / Curtains / Broom, mops,
duster / Waste basket / Vacuum cleaner / Floor lamps / Light bulb
Cleaning supplies

Furniture:

Single beds with frame, boxspring & mattress / Double and/or Queen
beds with frame, boxspring or mattress / Dressers / Sofas or loveseats
Dining tables with chairs (4, 6 or more) / Coffee tables and/or side
tables / Area rugs

