

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude in Ab - J.K.F. Fischer

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

Psalm 111: 1-2,10

Praise the Lord!

I will extol the Lord with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.

INTROIT

Yield Within our Hearts Your Fruit – Rev. Kris Michaelson

PRAYER OF APPROACH

In trust and confidence we call upon your name, O God, eager to know you more fully and serve you more faithfully. We want to grow in the spirit of Christ. We wait upon you now. Let nothing cut us off from you or separate us from one another. We gather together and worship you, O God, in spirit and in truth. **Amen.**

HYMN VU 327 *All Praise to Thee*

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine:
hallelujah; hallelujah!

2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
hallelujah; hallelujah!

3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
hallelujah; hallelujah!

4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:
hallelujah; hallelujah!

5 Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God eternal be by all adored:
hallelujah; hallelujah!

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD.

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, let Scripture come before us, not in word alone, but in power. Let your Holy Spirit teach us, so that we may receive, with understanding, what you have revealed, and eagerly do what you have commanded. Amen.

Psalm 22: 22-31 (*sung*)

Janice Moncrieff, cantor

Refrain:

**In the presence of your people
I will praise your name.**

Then I will declare your Name to my people.

In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. R

Give praise, all who fear God!

Proclaim God's greatness, all you children of Jacob;

stand in awe, all you children of Israel!

For God has neither despised
nor scorned the poor in their distress.

You, O God, have not hidden your face from them.

You heard them when they called to you. R

You are the theme of my praise in the great assembly.

**I will keep my promise in the presence
of those who fear you.**

Let the poor eat to satisfaction;

let those who seek you praise you.

May they be in good heart forever!

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you, O God.

Let all the families of the nations bow down before you.

For yours is the dominion, O God,

You rule over the nations. R

Even all who sleep in the grave shall worship you;

those who go down into the dust shall bow before you.

I too shall live for you.

Our children shall serve you,

and tell generations yet to come about you.

To a people yet unborn,

they shall make known the saving deeds

you have done. R

Mark 8: 31 - 38

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 694 *To Us All, to Every Nation*

1 To us all, to every nation
comes a moment to decide;
in the strife of truth with falsehood
for the good or evil side,
some great cause, some modern prophet
offering each the bloom or blight,
and the choice goes by for ever
'twixt that darkness and that light.

2 Then to side with truth is noble
when we share its wretched crust,
ere the cause bring fame and profit
and 'tis prosperous to be just.
Then it is the brave one chooses,
while the coward stands aside
till the multitude make virtue
of the faith they had denied.

3 By the light of burning martyrs,
Jesus' bleeding feet we track,
toiling up new Calvaries ever
with the cross that turns not back;
new occasions teach new duties.
time makes ancient good uncouth:
they must upward still and onward,
who would keep abreast of truth.

4 Though the cause of evil prosper,
yet 'tis truth alone is strong,
though its portion be the scaffold
and upon the throne be wrong.
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
and, behind the dim unknown,
there stands God within the shadow
keeping watch above God's own.

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Rev. Ian MacKay

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ANTHEM

Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

On CWM Rhondda, *God of Grace and God of Glory* - Alan Viner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CHORAL BLESSING

HYMN VU pg. 883 *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Isaiah 40

1 Comfort, comfort now my people;
speak of peace; so says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning under sorrow's load.
Cry out to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell them that their sins I cover
and their warfare now is over.

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POSTLUDE

Ricercare - Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

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

Cantor

Janice Moncrieff

Hymn Choir

Margot Craft, Janice Moncrieff, Joan Egnatoff, Barb Fletcher, Anja Troje, Juliette Milsome

Sound & Media Techs

Al Fletcher, Bill Egnatoff, Robert Bruce

Technical Chair

Brigitta Holzschuh, Catie Doane

Nick Steinberg

Friends of Chalmers,

In my last note to you, I shared the names of those individuals who comprise the Reference Team (Bill Egnatoff, Mary Davis Little, Heather Faris, Nick Steinberg, Anja Troje, and myself).

As a follow up to that, I am happy to report that we held our initial meeting on Thursday, February 18th with FaithCARE facilitators' Bill Bickle and Bruce Schenk.

Our enthusiasm for the work before us was evident in the depth and expanse of the attentive listening and respectful conversation we had. Our commitment to the work before us was demonstrated by our willingness to meet again in just one week's time, and our ready agreement to make communications with you a priority.

While we still must decide upon the mechanics of that effort, be assured that you will hear from us as soon as there's news or information to pass along.

Until then, thank you for the kind words of encouragement and supportive prayers you have offered. We are truly heartened by the goodwill expressed!

For the Reference Team,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. David King". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, March 7

- **Our Worship Service will be our monthly Chalmers House Church** via Zoom or teleconference. The link will be sent out next week.

Sunday, March 7

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

Tuesday March 9

- **Our Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet by ZOOM.** We are very pleased to have as our speaker Tina Bailey. Tina is the Executive Director of the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area. The title of her presentation is "**Beyond ACEs: A Strategy to Build Resilience**" - how our community is working together to mitigate the impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and build resiliency in our children, families and community. Signing into ZOOM will commence at 12.45 pm. At 1.10 pm we will have congregational announcements and then introduce our speaker. Everyone from Chalmers and our friends are invited to attend. To attend, please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or meikle_irish@yahoo.com preferably by Sun. evening Mar. 7. Our next meeting will be on April 12, 2021 on the topic "Walking The Path of Peace".
- **4pm: CCE will meet** by Zoom.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in Memory of
Edmund Hartlin
from Muriel (Mike) and family



SPECIAL LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES

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

The Ash Wednesday Service is posted on the Chalmers website and on the Ecumenical Worship Partnership YouTube channel:

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

The other Services which are being planned are:

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 1

Good Friday - Friday, April 2

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 3

Easter 2 Lessons and Carols - Sunday, April 11

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/82370698764?pwd=ZIB6NWdqcktja1lNMGxZMkRTdUl6Zz09> Meeting ID: 823 7069 8764 Passcode: 938530

The materials for the Feb 24 and March 3 evening have been posted on the Lenten series page <https://stjameskingston.ca/lenten-series/>. Each document has its own web address, and you can link to it specifically if you choose.

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

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

March 24 *The Morality of God in the Book of Genesis* (Discussion)

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.

BENEVOLENT FUND PROGRAM

Thank YOU for all the recent donations to the **Blessing Box!** This 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 any extra cloth masks you can donate or the ability and some free time to make some, they would be gratefully accepted. We can easily share masks with those folks who may need one, by placing one in their 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