

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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

CHALMERS GATHERS FOR HOUSE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Praeludium und Fughetta

J.K.F. Fischer

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to you, O God,
To thank you for what is good
We come you, O God
To cry out for what is wrong
We come to you, O God
To ask for help and healing
We come to you, O God
With aching hearts and glad souls.

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.

HYMN **VU 678** *For the Healing of the Nations*

1 For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release;
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race of schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in our likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that, by our response and service,
earth its destiny may find.

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WHAT IS HOUSE CHURCH?

- Informal
- Community Focused
- Participatory
- Shared Reflection and Prayers

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

Anja Troje

What did you hear?
What did you feel?

SECOND READING

Psalm 147: 1-11

Rosemary MacLachlan

HYMN VU 619 *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Refrain:

**Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. **R**

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. **R**

3 Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. **R**

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. **R**

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MOUNA

The practice of silence;
not the absence of sound,
but the absence of speaking
so that other communions may emerge;

The afternoon walk.
Footsteps' crunch,
hieroglyphs of footprints in the snow;
the sun glinting off the snow is a knife;

Later
after the clatter of dishes
and dinner time,
after bedtime stories,
after the bright fire dies down
to embers' soft glow;

Listening for the coyotes' ragged grief,
they who remember a time
when the world was less noisy and
the forest vast and dark.

Adapted from a poem by Elizabeth Jensch

Let us practice mouna in order
to prepare ourselves
to hear today's gospel

[a few moments of silence]

THIRD READING

Mark 1: 29 - 39

Isabel McLeod

What is this good news?
What does it require of us?

OFFERTORY

Vater unser im Himmelreich Georg Phillip Telemann

Let us ask ourselves:
What gifts can we bring to Chalmers at this time?

MUSICAL OFFERING

TIME FOR REFLECTION

SHARING OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

In the Seasons of Our Silence

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We are each invited to offer a prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Great Spirit, Divine One, Creator
Who is heaven, earth, rock,
Wind, insect tree, fox,
Human of every size shape color
Holy are your infinite names
Chanted, sung, whispered ...

We will midwife the rebirth of Gaia
As best we can,
Restoring the Great Law of Peace.
Guide our hands to the soil and seed
Honoring the alchemy of food.
Let us remember your abundance
And share the bread of life
with any who hunger.

We are for giving
And giving and giving.
We trust in the give-away.
We give and receive.
Let us be humble before the darkness
and the light
Walking in harmony amidst them.
Give us courage to know them intimately
Both within and without.

For you have breathed it all---
The behind, the above,
the below, the beyond.
Your awesome power courses in our veins
And animates our hearts.
You are the Great Drum.
We thank you.

Caudia L'amoreaux from "King James to Gaian

CLOSING HYMN

What Can I Do?



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Now we can go in peace
but let us do so
remembering that life is short and
we do not have too much time
to gladden the hearts and the minds of
those who travel the way with us.
So be swift to love and
make haste to be kind and just.

POSTLUDE

Video: *We Need to Wake Up*

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Leaders	Michael Cooke Monika Holzschuh Sator
Interim Music Director	Aurora Dokken
Musical Offering	Joan and Bill Egnatoff
Readers	Rosemary MacLachlan Anja Troje Isabel McLeod
Sound & Media Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh, Catie Doane
Technical Chair	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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon. Feb. 8

- **4 pm: 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 assumes the costs of our Regional mandated FaithCARE engagement and an estimation of future Minister and half-time Administrator salaries as suggested by Beth Symes in her report.

A summary of the budget is attached. 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.

Nick Steinberg - steinberg777@hotmail.com - 613-384-8025
Joan Simeon - jsimeon601@gmail.com - 613-545-1099

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 in earlier than previously to facilitate those who would like to have more time for conversation before the meeting. Signing in 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 our friends is invited to attend. To attend this event, please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or meikle_irish@yahoo.com preferably before Sunday evening Feb. 7th. Meikle will send you the link to the Zoom session on Monday, Feb 8th. There will be no charge for attending this Lunch & Learn session.

Our next meeting will be on March 9 with speaker Tina Bailey, Executive Director of the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area.

- **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 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=ZlB6NWdqcktja1NlMGxZMkRTdUI6Zz09> 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 St. James - Andrew Chisolm
- 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.

- **Norm Esdon:** We are sorry to let you know that Norm Esdon died on December 31st after a lengthy illness.
In the End – A New Beginning. A group has begun plans for a spoken-word tribute to the late Norm Esdon, featuring his poems. We're discussing various formats, and various media, while we assemble a draft script, and we're recruiting participants. If you're willing to be a reader or can recommend a particular poem by Norm which should be part of the tribute, please contact Ian Malcolm at ianRWMalcolm@gmail.com.

BENEVOLENT FUND PROGRAM

- **The Blessing Box**
is in urgent need of: Kraft dinner boxes, small jars of peanut butter, cans of tuna and laundry detergent. We are completely out of all food products. If you can donate, please call Jan at 613- 547-0480 to arrange drop off.
- **Masks?**
A thought: if you have the ability and some free time, **we are asking for some cloth masks to be made.** Extra unused unneeded masks you may have, would also be welcomed. These can be dropped off anytime through the church house mail slot. We could easily share masks with those folks who need one, by placing it in the envelope with the grocery cards they receive.



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. Zubay 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