

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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SERMON SERIES: "ALIVE"

4) *Through Times of Bleakness*

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Lucis Creator Optime - Marcel Dupre

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 105: 1-3

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

INTROIT

Holy Spirit, Tend Us Now - Kris D. Michaelson

Yield within our hearts Your fruits;
grow us patient, kind and good.
Feed our branches from Your root,
that we reach the height we should.
Sowing Spirit, God's bright Sign,
plant in us Your Life divine.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Eternal God, we speak with more courage than we feel. Make haste to help us in the concerns and worries that mark our days. We need to know your freeing presence amongst us here. Lift us from our weariness that we might stand together in the strength of faith and in Godly love. And equip us, O God, to be faithful witnesses to the glory of Jesus Christ. Amen

HYMN VU 264 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would we render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, help us to believe and to trust. Show us the light of your presence with us, and may it shine in the life of our congregation and your church everywhere. In the worship we offer and the service we render, may the world around us come to an ever-larger awareness of your goodness and grace. Amen.

Psalm 107: 1 – 3, 17 – 22

John 3: 14 - 21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 258 *O World of God*

1 O world of God, so vast and strange,
profound and wonderful and fair,
beyond the utmost reach of thought
but not beyond our Maker's care!
We are not strangers on this earth
whirling amid the suns of space;
we are God's children this our home,
with those of every clime and race.

2 O world where human life is lived,
so strangely mingling joy and pain,
so full of evil and of good,
so needful that the good shall reign!
It is this world that God has loved,
and goodness was its Maker's plan,
the promise of God's triumph is
a humble birth in Bethlehem.

3 O world of time's far-stretching years!
There was a day when time stood still,
a central moment when there rose
a cross upon a cruel hill;
in pain and death love's power was seen,
the mystery of time revealed,
the wisdom of the ways of God,
the grace through which our hurt is healed.

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SERMON SERIES

Alive!

Rev. Ian MacKay

4) *Through Times of Bleakness*

CHOIR ANTHEM

Liebster Jesu - J.S. Bach

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Beneath the Cross of Jesus - Frederick C. Maker, arr. David Ferreira

Joan Egnatoff, piano

Bill Egnatoff, flute

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CHORAL BLESSING

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

Isaiah

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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

Iste Confessor - Healey Willan

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 Margot Craft, Janice Moncrieff, Joan Egnatoff, Barb Fletcher, Anja Troje, Juliette Milsome
 Al Fletcher, Bill Egnatoff, Robert Bruce
Sound & Media Techs Catie Doane
Technical Chair Nick Steinberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, March 21

- **Our Worship Service for Lent V** will be pre-recorded and posted on the Chalmers YouTube channel. Our Guest Minister, the Rev. Ian Mackay, will lead us in worship. His Sermon is entitled "Alive - When Afflictions Beset Us"

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-Sat. April 3 & Easter 2 Lessons and Carols – Sun. April 11

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

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On behalf of everyone at Chalmers we want to thank Mary Davis Little, Heather Faris, and Linda Steinberg for baking and delivering Valentine's Day Cookie Trays to more than 48 members of our Congregation. The recipients really appreciated the thoughtfulness shown by Mary, Heather, and Linda and very much enjoyed their delicious treats!!!

March 17 - March 24

- **An Inter-Church 2021 Kingston Ecumenical Bible Study Series continues.** It is lead by The Rev. Dr. Bill Morrow on *Difficult Texts of the Old Testament and the Gospel*. Time: Wednesdays in Lent from 7 - 9pm
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82370698764?pwd=ZlB6NWdqcktja1lNMGxZMkRTdUl6Zz09> Meeting ID: 823 7069 8764 Passcode: 938530

The materials for the earlier sessions 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 17 *Does God Reward Tricksters?* (Genesis 28)

March 24 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.

BENEVOLENT FUND PROGRAM

People seem hungry!

Our supply of Kraft dinner, peanut butter and tuna has already been mostly depleted! If you can donate, please call Jan at 613-547-0480 to arrange drop off.

Thank you for the donation of cloth masks! We gave the first one out yesterday and the gentleman was thrilled to receive it!



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