

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



MARCH 21, 2021

Pre-Recorded Service

REV. IAN MACKAY

SERMON SERIES: "ALIVE"

5) *When Afflictions Beset Us*

(Pre-recorded and posted on the Chalmers YouTube Channel)

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

Our Worship Services for Palm Sunday (March 28) and Easter (April 4) will be held live in our Sanctuary with the Rev. Ian Mackay leading us in Worship. The Services will also be live-streamed with recordings posted on our YouTube channel later in the day. The Sermon title for next week's Service is, *At the Hour of Our Death*.

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Auf meinen lieben Gott - Dietrich Buxtehude BuxWV 179

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 113: 1-4

Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, you his servants;
praise the name of the Lord.
Let the name of the Lord be praised,
both now and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.

INTROIT

All this Desert Journey - from Kris Michaelson's *Lenten Canticles*

PRAYER OF APPROACH

As Jesus offered prayers and supplications to you, O God, we seek to do the same. You know our losses and our fears. You understand our sufferings and our pain. We seek the presence of Christ and to know Christ's healing touch. We need to hear a reassuring voice. We long to see a new day when evil is put down, and wrong will not prevail. Lift us up and draw us to yourself as we worship in this hour. Equip us for our daily living as we seek to be true to your covenant made to us. Amen.

HYMN VU 669 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

1 Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

2 Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, ah! leave me not alone;
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness:
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart;
rise to all eternity.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, lead us beyond a quest for personal benefits to a passion for the lifting up of all human life into the promise and assurances of your steadfast love. Amen.

Psalm 119: 9 - 16

John 12: 20 - 33

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 151 *Lift High the Cross*

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Saviour trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God. **R**

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in unity combine. **R**

3 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died. **R**

4 Saviour, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. **R**

5 So shall our song of triumph ever be
Praise to the Crucified for victory. **R**

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SERMON SERIES

Alive!

Rev. Ian MacKay

5) *When Afflictions Beset Us*

ANTHEM

The Lord is my Shepherd - John Rutter

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Jesus Paid it All/O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

arr. Brant Adams, tune: *All to Christ*, John T. Grape, 1868; *Passion Chorale*, Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
Joan and Bill Egnatoff

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

On Hyfrydol, *Love Divine* - 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
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Technical Chair	Nick Steinberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, March 28

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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=ZIB6NWDqcktja1lNMGxZMkRTdUl6Zz09> 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 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.

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
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Tues. April 13

- **12:45 pm: Our Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet by ZOOM.** We are very pleased to have as our speakers The Reverend Nan Hudson and Carol Rogers, both from Faith United Church. The title of their presentation is *Walking the Path of Peace Together*. They will talk about the reconciliation project in which indigenous people from the Kingston area and settlers from Faith United, Chalmers United and Sydenham United Churches, have been engaged together. Signing into ZOOM will commence at 12.45 pm. At 1.10 pm we will have congregational announcements and then introduce our speakers. Everyone from Chalmers and 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 for the AZOOM link, preferably by Sun. evening April 15th. Our next Lunch and Learn meeting will be on May 11, 2021 on the topic *Cataraqui Cemetery and Modern Challenges*.
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BENEVOLENT FUND PROGRAM

Wow! Thank you for the quick responses

of supplies of Kraft dinner, peanut butter and tuna! When so many 'Chalmerites' work together to meet the needs of others in our community, it feels very special. There still seems to be a disproportionate amount of homeless folk, so the needs are ever present. It sure has been a busy winter! Thank you again! If you can donate, please call Jan at 613-547-0480 to arrange drop off.

