

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pre-Recorded Service

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While the stay-at-home order is in effect
our Worship Services will be pre-recorded
and posted on the Chalmers YouTube channel.

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Be Still, And Know That I Am God - Roberta Bitgood
(Words from the Psalms)
Joan Egnatoff, voice and piano

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

Be still and know that I am God Psalm 46: 10

This is a way to prepare to be with God.

Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am

Be still and know

Be still

Be

INTROIT

Gather Us In

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

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OPENING PRAYER

Awaken us in worship to experience you not so much as one we need to summon but as one who longs to be present to us - as one who understands our humanness and welcomes our openness. Awaken us in our worship to the experience that You are really present. Awaken our longing for security and help us to see that You are a security we can trust in the midst of all the challenges the pandemic arouses. Assure us that today we do not walk alone. As we risk being still awaken us to your living presence. Amen.

HYMN VU 87 *I am the Light of the World*

Refrain:

**"I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

1 When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: **R**

2 To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above! **R**

3 To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
to see God's children everywhere! **R**

4 To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth! **R**

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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

John 17: 6 - 19

Acts 1: 15 - 26

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 43 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Refrain:

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.**

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. R

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth! R

3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent our salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. R

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SERMON

From Kingdom to Kindom Rev. Dr. Don Misener

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

For the One - Jenn Johnson

Brigitta Holzschuh and Rick Sator, voice and guitar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Paraphrase of Lord's Prayer by Don Misener

Creating God
grounding of all being
provider of a welcoming kin-dom.
May Your empowering and liberating will be done
among all Your creation.
Sustaining source of our humanity,
in Your assurance of the forgiveness of our sins
motivate us to extend forgiveness to others.
Guard us in the midst of temptation,
and strengthen us when we face evil.
For it is from You that we come
and it is within Your loving embrace
that we discover eternal security.

HYMN VU 66o *How Firm a Foundation*

- 1 How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.
- 3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you, I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.
- 5 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not -- I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never -- no, never -- no, never forsake!"

Words: "K" in John Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns* 1787, alt.
Music: Welsh folk melody, arr. John Roberts (Henllan) in *Caniadau y Cyssegr* 1839
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BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

As you enter a new week of opportunity:

"May you have the courage to befriend your eternal longing.
May you enjoy the critical and creative companionship of the
question 'Who am I' and may it brighten your longing.
May a secret Providence guide your thought and shelter your
feeling. May your mind inhabit your life with the same sureness
with which your body belongs to the world.
May your sense of something absent enlarge your life.
May your soul be as free as the ever-new waves of the sea.
May you succumb to the danger of growth.
May you live in the neighbourhood of wonder.
May you belong to love with the wildness of Dance.
May you know that you are ever embraced in the kind circle of
God."

From *Eternal Echoes* by John O'Donohue (Harper 1999) page 50

CHORAL BLESSING

MV 222

May the Peace of God Be Your Peace

May the peace of God be your peace.
May the love of God be the love you show.
May the joy of God be the joy you know,
and may the world that God would see be found in you.

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POSTLUDE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain - Traditional Spiritual arr. Brent Olstad
Joan Egnatoff, piano; Bill Egnatoff, flute

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister **Rev. Dr. Don Misener** is a graduate of McMaster University and Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts where he received his Doctor of Ministry in 1973. In 1968 Don was ordained to gospel ministry with the Baptist Convention of Ontario. He transferred his ordination credentials to the United Church of Canada in 2002. Over the course of his professional career in Canada and the U.S., his Ministry has included Chaplaincy with the Correctional Service of Canada, being a Clinical Pastoral and Spiritual Care educator, as a Faculty member at Theological Colleges and for the Church and serving as a Pastoral Minister. Don and his wife Bonnie have collaborated as educators over their careers. They enjoy spending time with their family of 3 sons and daughters-in-laws and 9 grandchildren. Don continues to provide pulpit supply, spiritual direction, future direction planning and pastoral consultation.

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| Hymn Choir | Janice Moncrieff, Joan Egnatoff, Margot Craft, Juliet Milsome, Al Fletcher, Bill Egnatoff |
| Sound & Media Techs | Brigitta Holzschuh |
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AT CHALMERS

Pre-Service Coffee Hour

Due to the pandemic, live worship services continue to be suspended, and a return to normalcy is a while off. But we can still meet and visit!

10-10:30 am Pre-Service Coffee Hour over Zoom.

Let's use this opportunity to see each other and to chat!

At 10:30, you can stay on to see the pre-recorded service or leave the zoom meeting and watch the recording by yourself.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83823105027?pwd=WUxMZFM3ZWIEL1l1NnN1Z1dVQoh3Zz09>

You can also dial in: 1 647 558 0588 (long distance charges may apply)

Meeting ID: 838 2310 5027. You don't need a Participant ID, just press #.

Passcode: 746801.

If you would like to talk to the other participants, press *6 to unmute yourself.

Next Sunday, May 23

- **Our Guest Minister** will be The Reverend Phil Hobbs.

May 30, Trinity Sunday

- **We will worship with other Congregations** in the Ecumenical Worship Partnership Joint Trinity Sunday Service. If you would like to participate in the mosaic video of the great hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy," it is being recorded for the Service. Please contact Al Fletcher at afletcher8@cogeco.ca to receive the recording instructions. The deadline for submitting recordings is May 18. Also, if you would like to participate in the Service by preparing and recording the Welcome and Call to Worship, please contact Al.

BENEVOLENT FUND PROGRAM

The program has been busy without interruption since the beginning of this Pandemic. We have had many new people coming for assistance and at times a different type of clientele than in past years. We have also found their needs have changed as there are more people sleeping rough with fewer resources easily accessible to them. We are very grateful for your ongoing support, so we can continue to help fill the gaps of those in need, in Kingston. We have given out our last sleeping bag, so if you have one that you are no longer utilizing, it would be helpful to have one here on hand.



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