

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pre-Recorded Service

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A Commanding Love

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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

Love That Will Not Let Me Go - Albert L. Peace, arr. Brent Olstad
Joan Egnatoff, piano; Bill Egnatoff, flute

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

Sing a new song to the Lord;
God has done wonderful things!
By power and holy strength
God has won the victory.
Sing for joy to the Lord, all the earth;
praise God with songs and shouts of joy!
Sing praises to the Lord!
Play music on the harps!
Blow trumpets and horns,
and shout for joy to the Lord.

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

In this time of worship, we welcome you, O God,
into the depths of our being.
Turn our thoughts towards your will
in order that we may understand the meaning of life.
Turn our hearts toward you
in order that we may abide in your love
– and your love may flow through us to the world around.
Turn our will toward your Way,
in order that we may be guided into all truth.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN VU 226 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain:

**God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light, **R**

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, **R**

4 For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, **R**

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A WORLD 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 15: 9 - 17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 268 *Bring Many Names*

1 Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God:
Hail and hosanna! Bring many names!

2 Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and hosanna, strong mother God!

3 Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,

caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and hosanna, warm father God!

4 Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and hosanna, old, aching God!

5 Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and hosanna, young, growing God!

6 Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

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SERMON

A Commanding Love

Rev. Dr. Paul Currie

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Above All

Rev. Dr Paul Currie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN **VU 236** *Now Thank We All Our God*

1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill
in this world in the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

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

The Gift of Love - Hal H. Hopson, setting by Joel Raney
Joan Egnatoff, piano; Bill Egnatoff, flute

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Our Guest Minister **The Rev. Dr. Paul Currie** recalls preaching at Chalmers shortly after his ordination in 1977, to celebrate Chalmers' sponsorship of him as a Candidate for Ministry. While at Chalmers, Paul sang in the choir, and enjoyed the ministries of Stan Lucyk and Margaret Quigley. His father, the late Dr. Eoin Currie, and his Centenarian mother, Louise, were also active at Chalmers in those years. He graduated from Queens Theological College, and served a number of pastoral charges, including one in Manitoba and various places across Ontario, including Kingston's Edith Rankin Memorial. He retired to live in Bath in 2017. His ongoing education included a D. Min. from Detroit's Ecumenical Theological Seminary, and Mediation and Conflict Management certification from Conrad Grebel in Waterloo. He, and his wife Deborah, a KGH Nursing Alumna, still enjoy singing in their church choir.

Hymn Choir	Janice Moncrieff, Joan Egnatoff, Juliet Milsome, Al Fletcher, Bill Egnatoff
Sound & Media Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh
Technical Chair	Nick Steinberg

AT CHALMERS

Pre-Service Coffee Hour

- The pandemic is dragging on, live worship services are suspended, and a return to normalcy is a while off. But we can still meet and visit!

Pre-Service Coffee Hour over zoom from 10-10.30 am will begin this Sunday 25 April. 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 with Rev. Kathy Walton, 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=WUxMZFM3ZWlEL1l1NnN1Z1dVQoh3Zz09>

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 16

- **Our Guest Minister** will be The Reverend Dr. Don Misener.

Tuesday May 11

- **CCE** will meet at 4 pm by Zoom.

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

WOW!!

Thank you for all the donations that were brought in this week. How lovely it is to have the cupboards stocked again, with enough in place to help others - at least for a little while!! 😊 What a giving spirit the Chalmers community has! It's a great feeling! Thank you all so much!



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