

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



THE REV. IAN MACKAY
" How BIG IS OUR CHURCH? "

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Chalmers will be open for live in-person services following current Covid protocols. It will also be live-streamed and then posted to Chalmers' YouTube channel."

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Franconia S.M. 1738, arr. C.S. Lang, Oxford University Press

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

We light this candle to remind us that Christ is the light of the world and is present in our midst.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is welcoming us to this time of worship.
Behold, God is our helper.
The Lord is the upholder of my life.
I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.
My eyes look up to you in confidence.

CENTERING PRAYER

**Gracious God, we come together as your people.
We come as praising people, singing your goodness.
We come as praying people, bringing our needs and our joys.
We come as listening people, opening ourselves to your word.
Fill us with your love and equip us forever more faithful living,
we pray. Amen.**

HYMN VU pg. 811 *To Render Thanks unto Our God*

1 To render thanks unto our God
it is a comely thing;
and to your name, O God most high,
due praise aloud to sing.

2 Your loving-kindness to show forth
when shines the morning light;
and to declare your faithfulness
with pleasure every night,

3 upon a ten-stringed instrument,
upon the psaltery,
and on the harp with solemn sound,
and grave sweet melody.

4 For you, God, by your mighty works
have made my heart so glad;
and I will triumph in the works
which by your hands were made.

5 Those that within the house of God
are planted by your grace,
they shall grow up, and flourish all
within your holy place.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, come to us now through all we read and speak
in order that the messages we hear may become your word to us,
a word that transforms, makes whole and unites us
in mutual learning and service. Amen.

Psalm 96: 1-4, 11-13

Romans 12: 9-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

How Big Is Our Church?

The Rev. Ian MacKay

OFFERING

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and
forever. Amen.

HYMN VU 586 *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection*

1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world untied
within the vision of new life in Christ.

2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

My Saviour's Love

Stephen Heller, Op.47, No. 16

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Our Guest Minister **The Rev. Ian Mackay** 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!

Co-Liturgist	Linda Steinberg
Music	Marian Holobow
Hymn Singers	Margot Craft, Linda Steinberg
Sound & Media Techs	Catie Doane, Brigitta Holzschuh
Technical Chair	Nick Steinberg

At 10:30 join us in person at Chalmers or watch live-streamed on Chalmers' YouTube channel. The service will also be posted later to the same channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUgl1tZaiRji18sFwj2P2Q>

After the service, feel free to have socially distanced conversations on the lawn. (Sorry no coffee or lemonade - just conversation.)

Upcoming Service in September:

September 26 - David Mathers

October 3 - Rev. Misener

October 10 - Rev. Hobbs

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