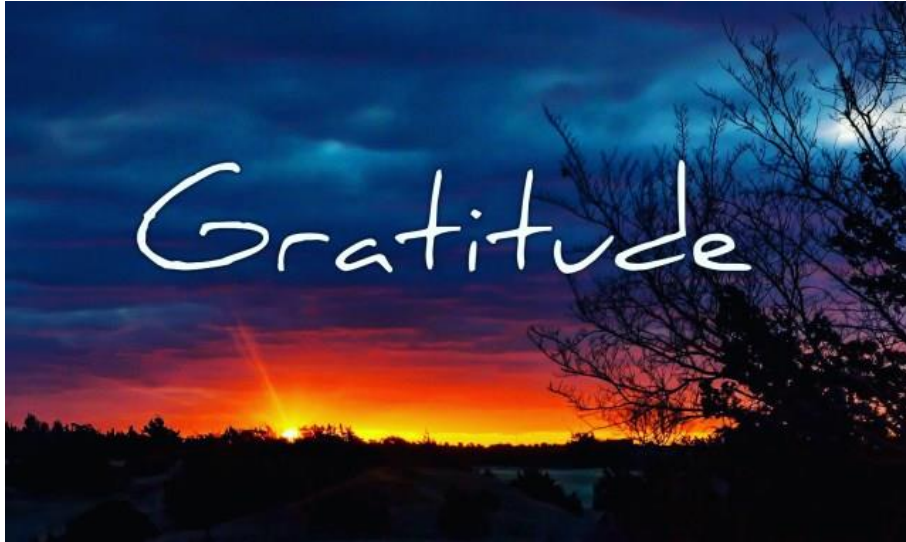


CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



DAVID MATHERS "REFLECTIONS WITH GRATITUDE"

10:30 am SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

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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

Prelude in D Minor - G.F. Handel
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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

Let us come together.
Let us come together in this place, at this time.
Let us come together, in person and on-line.
Let us arrive with our whole selves.
Let us arrive with our bodies, our minds, our hearts and our spirits.
May we be inspired by the lighting of the Christ candle.
May we be inspired by this place and by one another.
May we be inspired by our act of community this morning.
Let us be open to one another's needs, joys and concerns.
May we be inspired to pray, to listen and to share.
May we do this for the well-being of our community and
For the creation of which we are a part.
Let us come to worship.
Amen

HYMN **VU 595** *We are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)*

1 We are pilgrims on a journey,
Fellow travellers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

2 Sister, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
Till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

6 Brother, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

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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.

James 5: 13 – 20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reflections with Gratitude

David Mathers

OFFERING

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN VU 380 *She Flies On (She Comes Sailing on the Wind)*

Refrain:

**She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.**

1 Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child. *(to verse 2)*

2 Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on. **R**

3 To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart. **R**

4 Flying to the river, she waited circling high
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace. *(to verse 5)*

5 Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. **R**

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BLESSING

POSTLUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is - St. Columba Ancient Irish melody
Arranged: C. V. Stanford

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Our Guest Speaker **David Mathers** was brought as an infant to Chalmers Church by his parents Donald and Helen. Together with his older brothers James and Alastair the Mathers family found a home in the United Church of Canada at Chalmers in Kingston. They are fortunate to have made many life-long friendships and associations through this congregation. In later years David was a candidate for Ministry in the U.C.C. from Chalmers. Ultimately, he chose not to seek ordination but, instead, a career as a secondary school teacher. While training at the Queens' Faculty of Education David attended the lively young peoples' group at Chalmers known as "Revelations". It was there, in the Robertson Room of MacGillivray-Brown Hall that David met Jillann Rothwell to whom he is married. Their children, Ted and Gordon were both baptised at Chalmers. David, Jillann and their sons have, for many years, been members of the Kingston Unitarian Fellowship. David is honoured and delighted to join the Chalmers congregation, both in-person and on-line, for this occasion.

Co-Liturgist	Linda Steinberg
Music	Marian Holobow, Joan Egnatoff
Hymn Singers	Barb Fletcher, Juliet Milsome, Al Fletcher, Janice Moncrieff, Bill Egnatoff, Joan Egnatoff, Margot Craft
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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 SERVICES

Oct. 3 - Rev. Don Misener (Worldwide Communion Sunday)

Oct. 10 - Rev. Phil Hobbs (Thanksgiving)

Oct. 17 - Rev. William Morrow

Oct. 24 - Janet McLeod

Oct. 31 - Rev. Ian Mackay

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