

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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" The Gentle Touch "

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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

Lascia ch'io pianga - G.F. Handel

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is welcoming us to this time of worship.

All: **This is a place where we all belong.**

One: The Maker of us all seeks our highest good.

All: **We are called to love our neighbours as ourselves.**

One: Come to sing praises and put your trust in God.

All: **We seek to share faith and hope and love with one another.**

CENTERING PRAYER

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O God, come to us now and lift us up to our full humanity as we worship you in this hour. You surround us on every side and are acquainted with all our ways. You know our shallow motives and our deepest thoughts. You welcome us, not as strangers, but as heralds of your reign. Come among us now with your transforming power. Amen.

HYMN VU 256 *O God beyond All Praising*

1 O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

2 The flow'r of earthly splendor
in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender
to you, the Lord Most High;
but hidden from all nature
the eternal seed is sown--
though small in mortal stature,
to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven,
from death has set us free,
and we through him are given
the final victory.

3 Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

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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

Isaiah 42: 1 - 8

Colossians 3: 12 - 17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Ian Mackay

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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 608** *Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind*

- 1 Dear God, who loves all humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up, and follow thee.
- 3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in C - Pachelbel

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	Juliet Milsome, Aurora Dokken
Hymn Choir	Janice Moncrieff, Margot Craft
Sound & Media Techs	Catie Doane
Technical Chair	Nick Steinberg

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!

Although spring is traditionally the time of new beginnings, September also provides lots of opportunities to try something new. Chalmers is looking for people to be part of a team preparing weekly worship - both in planning and participating on an occasional or ongoing basis. Here are some of the possibilities.....

- be a scripture reader or co-liturgist,
- be a hymn singer (pre-recorded) or other musician for preludes, postludes or anthems,
- help with phoning to book ministers or other speakers,
- help prepare services in conjunction with speakers (other than ministers)
- any other time or talent you wish to offer.

Please contact Linda Steinberg at hpsesp14@gmail.com or 613-384-8025 (home) or 613-328-9625 (cell) for more information.

OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE MEDIA TECH TEAM

Both of our sound/media techs Brigitta Holzschuh and Catie Doane are heading to university this fall. We wish them well in their studies and also thank them for still committing to being part of the technical delivery of Sunday services. However, this is an opportunity for you (or someone you know) to join the team and assist in Chalmers worship in this unique way. Each week our techs might be involved in recording music, preparing the visual slides for the service from the bulletin, managing the live stream and live worship service and posting the service to Youtube. Please refer this opportunity to others you might think could be interested (e.g. kids, grandkids, friends) - they don't have to be Chalmers' members. Interested people should contact Nick Steinberg at: steinberg777@hotmail.com

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 in September:

September 12 - Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

September 19 - Rev Ian MacKay

September 26 - David Mathers

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Please send announcements you wish made verbally

to: bulletin@chalmersunitedchurch.com

and Linda Steinberg: hpsesp14@gmail.com

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



Marilyn Boston

Mike Hartlin

Joyce Holden

Helen Howard

Stan Lucyk

Helen Mathers, who turns 95 this month

Doreen Morrison

Rosalie Spooner

And a belated Happy Birthday to Elaine Bryans and Isabel McLeod,

who also turned 95 last month.

Anyone wishing to share their birthday, just call Al Fletcher: 613-546-4785