

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace - arr. by Robert J. Hughes

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

One: We gather to share in God's dream of abundant life for all.

All: We gather to give and receive gifts of deep emotion, deep wisdom, and deep love.

One: With gratitude we gather as a community to praise God, to seek transformation, and to celebrate the power of the Spirit who is always moving.

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy One, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen, of story and of song, of heartbeat and of tears of bodies, souls, voices and all relations: you are the God of all truth and the way of all reconciliation. Uphold with your love and compassion all who open their lives in the sacred sharing of their stories breathe in us the grace to trust in your loving forgiveness, that we may face our histories with courage; touch us through the holy gift of story that those who speak and those who listen may behold your own redeeming presence; guide us with holy wisdom to enter through the gates of remorse that our feet may walk gently and firmly on the way of justice and healing. **Amen**

HYMN MV 79 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

**Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

1 God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. **R**

2 Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. **R**

3 May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister,
brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. **R**

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A Four Directions Prayer

Creator, we long for wholeness in our families, for honest, open communication to say what we need to say in safety and without fear. Creator, we give thanks for the knowledge you give in all traditions of the world. Help us to honour the gifts of all traditions.

Teach us to know how to love and live.

We give thanks for new life, for youth, represented by the eastern direction. We give thanks for new learning, for the sun which rises to begin each new day, and for the teachings of the peoples of the east, and yellow-skinned peoples.

All: Teach us to know how to love and live.

We give thanks for the south, for the black-skinned peoples of the world, for the growth of the summertime in our lives, the learnings of our adult lives, to be kind and accept ourselves. Teach us as parents to love and respect our children, to care for the elders and those who cannot care for themselves.

Teach us to know how to love and live.

We give thanks for the west, for the gifts of Aboriginal peoples of the world, for understandings of care of the earth, for teachings about rocks, leaves and trees, for the knowledge we have in our own teachings, all of these given by our Creator. Help us to use our understandings to bring joy and new life to our communities.

All: Teach us to know how to love and live.

We give thanks for the northern direction, for the white-skinned peoples of the world, and white-haired peoples in our families and communities. Help us to receive gifts of wisdom from all peoples. Help us to grow our roots deeper through life's journey, that we may grow in kindness to ourselves and each other.

All: Teach us to know how to love and live.

SCRIPTURES

Charmaine Puszkur

Genesis 32: 22 - 31 *Jacob Wrestles with God*

Luke 19: 28 - 40 *Jesus's Triumphal Entry*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Adventure in Understanding

Janet McLeod

Video: <https://vimeo.com/313877758>

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY HYMN VU 540 *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

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Henry John Gauntlett 1861

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COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God forgives and calls all of us to confess our fears and failings with honesty and humility. God reconciles and calls us to repent the part we have played in damaging our world, ourselves, and each other. God transforms, and calls us to protect the vulnerable, to pray for deliverance from evil, to work with God for the healing of the world, that all might have abundant life. We sing of grace.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed 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 for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN VU 682 *O Day of Peace*

1 O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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BLESSING

May the Creator watch over you, May the Spirit guide and lead
you. May Jesus be present in all that you do. And the blessing of
God Almighty, The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Be with you,
within you and surrounding you and those you love, This day and
always. **Amen.**

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

Allegro by Charles Avison - arr. Alfred Moffat

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Our Guest Speaker	Janet McLeod lives in Peterborough and has been a member of Rotary International for more than thirty years. Today she will be sharing with us an outdoor adventure for students which brings together First Nations and non-First Nations youth; a reconciliation vision of a fellow Rotarian. Janet grew up in Chalmers and is happy to be back and part of today's service.
Co-Liturgist	Linda Steinberg
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Hymn Singers (Live or Pre-Recorded)	Margot Craft, Barb Fletcher, Al Fletcher, Janice Moncrieff, Anja Troje, Juliet Milsome, Mary Davis Little, Joan Egnatoff, Bill Egnatoff
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 SERVICES

Oct. 31: Rev. Ian Mackay

Nov. 7: Rev. Phil Hobbs

Nov. 14: Rev. Brian Yealland

Nov. 21: Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieves-Deslippes

Nov. 28 - Dec. 20: Rev. Dr. Paul Currie

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