

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



REV. DR. DON MISENER
WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY
"TRUSTING GOD"

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Contemplation - John E. West

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, who nourishes us for the journey:
it is strengthening to know that as we gather at your Table today,
your people throughout the world are offering praise
and thanksgiving as bread and wine are shared.
May the mystery of your presence, experienced as we gather
around Your Table
bind us together into one world-wide community of celebration
and service.

HYMN **VU 333** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

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

Luke 22: 7 – 20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 457 *As We Gather at Your Table*

1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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WELCOME

This is not our table. It is the Table of our Lord and as was the case
during his life among us, all are welcome to share the food this
table provides for our spiritual nourishment.
As we gather around this Table we remember our faith, the
assurance it provides and the inspiration to live it more consistently
in our daily lives.

SHARING THE NEW CREED

(The Creed of 1969 *with an addition to highlight why it is we trust God*)

**"We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

**We trust God:
*who in the person of Jesus
has chosen to share our human condition.
In Jesus, God welcomes us into a relationship of love,
which gives us
forgiveness and freedom,
meaning and purpose in our daily living,
courage and compassion in the midst of adversity
and a hope anchored by God's eternal embrace.***

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

REFLECTION

Trusting God

Rev. Dr. Don Misener

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF THANKSGIVING

We praise you gracious God, our Maker, source of Grace and Sustaining Love. By your creative word you brought the world to birth and in your image and likeness you brought into being the human community. When we used our freedom in destructive ways you chose to come among us in the person of Jesus to provide a relationship in which we can experience reconciliation and empowerment for courageous self-giving. In Jesus' death and resurrection you have confirmed the depth of your love and provided eternal security in our relationship with you. As we now gather around this Table today alongside others throughout the world to share the cup and the bread, we remember your sacrificial self-giving and we give thanks for the assurance it provides.

Let us pray:

Holy God as we come to share the richness of this Table we cannot forget the rawness of the earth. We cannot take bread and forget the hungry. Your world is one world and as the beneficiaries of a world of plenty we are among the stewards of its nourishment for others.

Holy One, inspire us to put our prosperity in the service of the poor.

As we all continue the journey in a pandemic, remind us that your love is greater and will see us through.

Holy One, assure us of your sustaining grace.

We cannot share this cup and forget those who thirst for clean water and for those who thirst for justice.

Holy One, put our fullness at the service of the empty.

We cannot hear your words of assurance and forget the sounds of war, violence and abuse that destroys not only the body but also threatens the well-being of the human spirit.

Holy One, show us how to take another step in turning our weapons of destruction into embracing arms of welcome and the lust for power into actions for peace-making.

We cannot celebrate around this Table and forget our divisions within the Christian community and our contributions to the distrust of our multi-faith neighbours.

Holy One, heal our brokenness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unconditional love when we measure our love alongside yours, your love is as vulnerable as a newborn babe born in a stable manger, our love is conditional.

Your love is generous, even reckless in its caring while our love is often cautious and well defended.

Your love is offered humbly, our love often expects a payoff.

Your love is free, our love often comes with strings attached.

Loving God as we gather around this Table heal our imperfect loves and inspire us to love you, ourselves and our neighbours as you love us. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE BREAD AND THE CUP

We remember that on the night of His betrayal and desertion Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread and shared it with his disciples saying,

This is my body, broken for you. As often as you eat it remember me.

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup saying,

This cup is a new covenant sealed with my blood for the liberation of all people from the hate and distrust that threatens to destroy the human race. As often as you drink from this cup remember me.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS: THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The body of Christ broken for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

For the bread we have eaten
For the cup we have shared,
For the gift of new life we have been given,
We thank you, O God.
May what we have done here
So put its mark on our lives as followers of Christ
That it will sustain us in the midst of adversity,
Motivate us to live our faith more courageously,
And inspire growth of our trust and our hope. Amen

HYMN VU 376 *Spirit of the Living God*

- 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
- 2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love.:
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

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BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A minor - John James

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Our Guest Speaker **Rev. Dr. Don Misener** is a graduate of McMaster University and Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts where he received his Doctor of Ministry in 1973. In 1968 Don was ordained to gospel ministry with the Baptist Convention of Ontario. He transferred his ordination credentials to the United Church of Canada in 2002. Over the course of his professional career in Canada and the U.S., his Ministry has included Chaplaincy with the Correctional Service of Canada, being a Clinical Pastoral and Spiritual Care educator, as a Faculty member at Theological Colleges and for the Church, and serving as a Pastoral Minister. Don and his wife Bonnie have collaborated as educators over their careers. They enjoy spending time with their family of 3 sons and daughters-in-laws and 9 grandchildren. Don continues to provide pulpit supply, spiritual direction, future direction planning and pastoral consultation.

Co-Liturgist	Linda Steinberg
Music	Juliet Milsome, Joan Egnatoff
Hymn Singers	Barb Fletcher, Juliet Milsome, Al Fletcher, Janice Moncrieff, Bill Egnatoff, Joan Egnatoff, Margot Craft
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After the service, feel free to have socially distanced conversations on the lawn. (Sorry no coffee or lemonade - just conversation.)

UPCOMING SERVICES

Oct. 10 - Rev. Phil Hobbs (Thanksgiving)

Oct. 17 - Rev. William Morrow

Oct. 24 - Janet McLeod

Oct. 31 - Rev. Ian Mackay

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