

# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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"On Loving God and Neighbour"

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

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Prelude Op. 21, No. 7 - Gustav Merkel*

### 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: God is gathering us from many different places. No one is worthy, but all are invited.

**All: God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back. God cares for us amid our pain and losses.**

One: We are delivered from our worst fears. Happy are those who take refuge in a loving God.

**All: We will bless our God in all times and places. Let us exalt God's name together.**

### CENTERING PRAYER

O God, we invoke your presence among us for we need the knowledge and energy that you alone can provide. Your ways are wonderful beyond our understanding. When our strength is spent, our visions clouded and our hopes gone, you reach out to us in ways we often fail to see. We take heart that you are calling us to yourself, opening our eyes to see your wonders anew. We also take heart in being part of your faithful people in a world that too often loses sight of the holy. We seek to be disciples, grateful to tread the Christ path of life. Amen.

**HYMN VU 730** *Psalm 8: God, Our God, Your Glorious Name*

**1** God, our God, your glorious name  
all your wondrous works proclaim;  
in the heavens with radiant signs  
evermore your glory shines.  
How great your name!

**Refrain:**

**Holy, holy, holy, how great your name!  
Yours the name of matchless worth,  
excellent in all the earth.  
How great your name!**

**2** Infant voices chant your praise,  
telling of your glorious ways;  
weakest means work out your will,  
mighty enemies to still.  
How great your name! **R**

**3** Moon and stars in shining height  
nightly tell their Maker's might;  
when I view the heavens afar,  
then I know how small we are.  
How great your name! **R**

**4** Who are we that we should share  
in your love and tender care  
raised to an exalted height,  
crowned with honor in your sight!  
How great your name! **R**

**5** With dominion crowned, we stand  
o'er the creatures of your hand;  
all to us subjection yield,  
in the sea and air and field.  
How great your name! **R**

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## A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your claims on us, O God, are as old as creation and as new as this new day. Help us to hear you calling us that we may respond and become instruments of healing in a hurting world. Grant us the sight that is beyond seeing so we may live life in the light and bright joy that only you can offer. **Amen.**

### SCRIPTURES

Gerald McGrath

Psalm 146

Mark 12: 28 - 34

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN VU 594 *Oh Christian Love*

1 Oh Christian, love your sister and your brother!  
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;  
To worship rightly is to love each other  
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

2 Follow with reverent steps the great example:  
Jesus whose holy work was doing good;  
So shall the wide earth seem a hallowed temple,  
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

3 Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangour  
of wild war-music o'er the earth shall cease;  
love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,  
and in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

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### SERMON

*On Loving God and Neighbour*

Rev. Ian Mackay

## COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

### OFFERING

#### DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

### DOXOLOGY HYMN VU 541 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

O God, receive these expressions of our thanks for all the gifts you have bestowed on us. We enlist ourselves and our resources toward the realization of your steadfast purpose for all humanity. May we, as church, be more and more a source of great joy for each other and for all whom we meet. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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 593** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbours we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them. **R**

2 Neighbours are rich and poor,  
varied in colour and race,  
neighbours are near and far away. **R**

3 These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love,  
all are neighbours to us and you. **R**

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you. **R**

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## BENEDICTION

### 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

*Prelude in G minor* BWV 558 - J.S. Bach

## 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!.

<b>Co-Liturgist</b>	Linda Steinberg
<b>Organist</b>	Juliet Milsome
<b>Hymn Singers</b> (Live or Pre-Recorded)	Margot Craft, Barb Fletcher, Al Fletcher, Janice Moncrieff, Anja Troje, Juliet Milsome, Mary Davis Little, Joan Egnatoff, Bill Egnatoff
<b>Sound &amp; Media Techs</b>	Catie Doane, Brigitta Holzschuh
<b>Technical Chair</b>	Nick Steinberg

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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

Nov. 7: Rev. Phil Hobbs (Remembrance Sunday)

Nov. 14: Rev. Brian Yealland

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

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

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