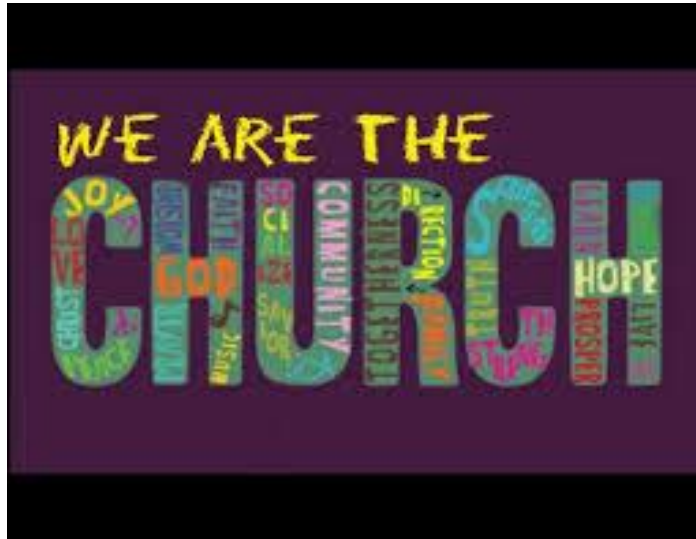


# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

10:30 AM

REV. IAN MACKAY

## Covid Precautions

We have returned to in-person services and are loosening some previous restrictions. Certain restrictions still remain for the time being such as – double vaccinations, masks at all times, social distancing, screening and registering at the door.

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

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Chaconne in f minor* - Johann Pachelbel

### WORDS OF 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

##### CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory.

**All:** **Our hearts are filled with thanks, O God. We bring before God our songs and hymns of praise.**

**One:** All rulers of the people are called to praise God. All peoples of the earth are subject to God's rule of love.

**All:** **The steadfast love of God surrounds us here. We have come to see and hear and understand.**

**One:** Let the thresholds shake with the power of God's voice. Let all the people tremble before God's glory.

**All:** **God's purposes endure and will be fulfilled. Our lives can be channels for God's grace.**

##### CENTERING PRAYER

O God, your presence fills this place of worship. We bow before your holiness in awe and wonder. When we consider the vast universe of your dominion we are humbled by your attention to us. Your steadfast love and faithfulness amaze us. Your care for the lowly gives us a sense of our own dignity and worth. Send your word to teach us, to save us from ourselves, to lead us into all truth. Show us the tasks we can accomplish for you, and grant us the courage to reach out in your name to do them. Amen.

**HYMN VU 315** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

- 1** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2** Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee;  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which were, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3** Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Wondrous God, we are afraid to admit the many ways we have failed you. We forget to thank you and consult with you about the decisions we must make. We prefer the safety of familiar programs even when they are ineffective. We cling to our routines even when they cause us to lose sight of your purposes. We are people of unclean lips and dwell among people who disregard your presence and power. O God, we kneel before you seeking forgiveness. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**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.**

## READINGS

David Spooner

**VU Pg 86o** Psalm 138 *I Praise you O God*

**Refrain:**

**We Worship in your holy place and praise  
you for your truth and grace.**

I praise you, O God, with all my heart;  
Before the gods I will sing your praises.

**I bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your name for your love and faithfulness;**

for you have exalted your name  
and your word above everything.

**On the day that I called, you answered me,  
and put new strength in my soul. R**

All earth's rulers shall praise you,  
when they hear the words of your mouth.

**They shall sing of your ways, O God,  
sing that your glory is great.**

For though you are high, you care for the lowly.

**As for the proud, you humble them from afar. R**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me;  
**you stretch out your hand against my enemies' rage;  
your powerful hand delivers me.**

You will fulfil your purpose for me.

**Your love, O God, is eternal.**

**Do not leave unfinished the work of your hands. R**

Isaiah 6: 1 - 8

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN VU pg. 894** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

**1** Holy God, we praise your name;  
God of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your sceptre claim;  
all in heaven above adore you;  
Infinite your vast domain,  
everlasting is your reign.

**2** Hark, the glad celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord."

3 Lo, the apostolic train  
joins your sacred Name to hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain,  
and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
and from morn till set of sun,  
through the Church the song goes on.

4 Glory through eternity:  
Spirit, Word, and blest Creator.  
God of gracious tenderness,  
at your feet we sinners gather;  
light and mercy, now, we pray,  
give your people for this day.

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#### **SERMON**

*What are we Doing in Church?* Rev. Ian Mackay

### COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

#### **OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **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**

**Your voice, O God, we have heard. Your presence has moved us to respond. Send us where you would call us to go. Use this offering we make to empower others to witness to your love and care. Fill our lives with thanksgiving, and fill our days with holy purpose. We dedicate ourselves to the realm of work and worship that express our profound gratitude for life and all of its opportunities. Amen.**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYERS**

### THE 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.  
Send 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 509 *Here I Am Lord (I, the Lord of Sea and Sky)*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

#### Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? **R**

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? **R**

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### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Plein Jeu* - Jean Adam Guilain

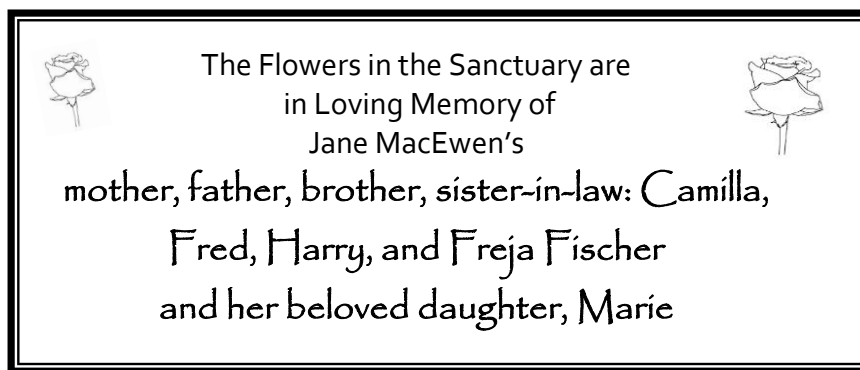
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## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Guest Minister</b>  | Rev. Ian Mackey                 |
| <b>Organist</b>        | Juliet Milsome                  |
| <b>Reader</b>          | David Spooner                   |
| <b>Hymn Singers</b>    | Members of Chalmers Choir       |
| <b>Media Techs</b>     | Brigitta Holzschuh, Dylan Lodge |
| <b>Technical Chair</b> | Nick Steinberg                  |

## UPCOMING SERVICES

|                         |                                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, June 5:</b>  | Rev. John Suk                        |
| <b>Sunday, June 12:</b> | Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe      |
| <b>Sunday, June 19:</b> | Joint Truth and Reconciliation Group |
| <b>Sunday, June 26:</b> | Rev. Ian Mackay                      |





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