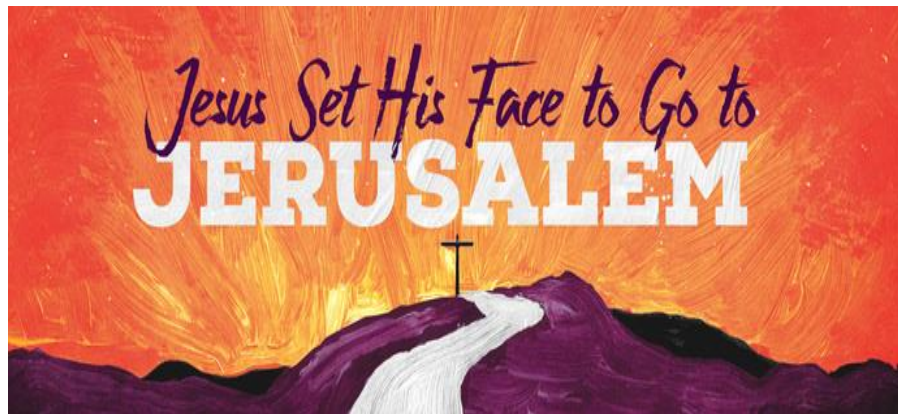


CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

The United Church of Canada



REV. IAN R. MACKAY

"FACING JERUSALEM"

10:30am JUNE 26, 2022

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

CHORALE PRELUDE

Dominus Regit Me (The King of Love my Shepherd is) - Healey Willan

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

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:** Call to mind the mighty acts of God.
Remember the wonders God has revealed in your life.
- All:** **All the ways of God are holy.**
Nothing in heaven or earth is so great as God.
- One:** Let all who value faithfulness offer praise and prayers to God.
Come to listen for God's counsel and instruction.
- All:** **We are here to encounter the One who made us.**
We are open to the Word God will speak.
- One:** God hears our cries and responds to our pleas.
Rejoice, O people of God, in God's justice and grace.
- All:** **God is our strength and our hope. We worship the One whose goodness upholds and sustains us.**

CENTERING PRAYER

O God, our refuge and hope, come among us today to give us energy and purpose. Move us beyond the discipline of the law to the discipleship of faith. Free us from the shackles of fear and a sense of failure that keep us from stepping bravely into your future. Grant us the sense that we are not alone but part of a great company of your faithful people of every nation and tongue. Amen

HYMN VU 216 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty power hath made,
God's gracious mercy keepeth:
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
within the shelter of God's might, lo!
all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

3 Our God is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace, and joy, and blessing;
as with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in your God, my heart!
Both soul and body take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

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WE ENGAGE WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Righteous God, your healing presence gathers together our brokenness and restores our integrity. Move among us now to proclaim your wonders and your goodness; and grant to us your gifts of love, joy and peace. Open our eyes and ears and hearts so that we may be attentive to your Word and faithful in our service to you and to one another. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gerald McGrath

Philippians 2: 1 - 13

Luke 9: 51 - 62

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 652 *Be Still My Soul*

- 1 Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heav'nly friend
through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul, your God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey
the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.
- 3 Be still, my soul, the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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SERMON
Facing Jerusalem

Rev. Ian Mackay

OFFERTORY ANNOUNCEMENT

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

HYMN MV 136 *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace* v.5

5 Your Spirit gives us differing ways
To serve you well and offer praise.
When all are joined as one, we'll be
Your able, strong community.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, we did not know it could cost so much or feel so good to follow Jesus. We are grateful that we are able to give and still have opportunity to learn. We dedicate our offerings so that we and others may be made ever stronger in body, in spirit and in lasting truth, Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 642 *Be Thou My Vision*

1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be vision, O ruler of all.

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go on your way with joy, my friends

"Go on your way in joy, my friends!

Go on your way in joy, my friends!

Go on your way in joy, my friends!

Let your left foot say 'Glory!'

and your right say, 'Amen!'"

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POSTLUDE

Plein Jeu (from *Suite pour orgue* 1993) - Denis Bedard



The Flowers in the Sanctuary are
from Rosalie and David Spooner
in loving memory of her parents,
Mildred and Howard Gardiner.



PARTICIPANTS

Guest Minister 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
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers Choir
Reader	Gerald McGrath
Media Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh, Dylan Lodge
Technical Chair	Nick Steinberg

UPCOMING SERVICES

Summer Service Schedule

All services are at 10 am except Aug 21

- July 3, 10, 17: at Sydenham United Church with a Strawberry Social on July 3 following the service
- **July 24, 31, August 7: at Chalmers United Church**
- August 14: with Faith United Church in the Theatre Room LaSalle Secondary School
- August 21: with Faith United Church and the Ecumenical Group - service and picnic at Lake Ontario Park at **10:30am**
- August 28: with Faith United Church in the Theatre Room LaSalle Secondary School

All Summer Services - including Chalmers - will begin at 10 am except Aug 21.

Sydenham and Chalmers services will be available on their respective YouTube channels as well.

Chalmers: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUgl1tZaiRji18sFwj2P2Q>

Sydenham St: <https://youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet>

Faith United: services will only be available live in person.



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The service will be available later online
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