

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

The United Church of Canada



10:00am JULY 31, 2022

Guest Minister: Rev. Dawn Clarke

Topic: Homelessness

Capacity, Risk, and personhood: loving my unhoused neighbour

Covid Precautions

1. Self-screening guidelines: If you have Covid symptoms or are isolating due to close contact, you should not attend in person. Services are also live-streamed.
2. Masking is encouraged but no longer mandatory. Many will still choose to remain masked for their own or for other's safety. We welcome this choice and urge everyone to respect individuals' choices - each according to their own personal situations.
3. Social distancing still continues in the sanctuary and MacCallum Hall.

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Andante sostenuto in F major - Alexandre Guilmant

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

seated

HYMN VU 701 *What does the Lord Require of You*

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,

walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness

and walk humbly with your God.

Words and Music: Jim Strathdee 1986 © 1986 Desert Flower Music
Used by permission. #A715424 OneLicense.net

CENTERING PRAYER

Comforting and loving God, we ask that you open our hearts, inviting us to be a compassionate people. Grant us the courage to speak up when we see injustices in our lives and to listen deeply when others are sharing their stories of pain. Help us to build connection with all people, as we strive to overcome our own fears. May the love of your Spirit fill our hearts and inspire us to action, towards fostering justice in this, our ever-changing world.

HYMN VU 245 *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet*

1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Words and Music: Natalie Sleeth, 1975 © 1976 Hinshaw Music Inc.
Used by permission. #A715424 OneLicence.net

WE ENGAGE 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.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Janice Moncrieff

Leviticus 19: 18

Deuteronomy 6: 4-5

Matthew 25: 14-27

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 229 *God of the Sparrow*

- 1** God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise
- 2** God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save
- 4** God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life
- 5** God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
- 6** God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home.

Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983 © 1983 Jaroslav Vajda

Music: Carl F. Schalk, 1983 © 1993 GIA Pub

Used by permission. #A715424 OneLicense.net

SERMON

Rev. Dawn Clarke

Homelessness

Capacity, risk, and personhood: loving my unhoused neighbour

OFFERTORY ANNOUNCEMENT

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

HYMN VU 55 *In the Bleak Mid-Winter*

v.4 only

4 What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him -- give my heart.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

VU 916 *Prayer of Jesus, a Paraphrase*

Eternal Spirit, Earth Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all, loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Voices United, 1988 Jim Cotter

Used by permission. #A715424 OneLicense.net

HYMN VU 678 *For the Healing of the Nations*

- 1** For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2** Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release;
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.
- 3** All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race of schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.
- 4** You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in our likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that, by our response and service,
earth its destiny may find.

Words: Fred Kaan, 1965 Music: Henry Purcell ca. 1682, desc. Darryl Nixon 1986 ©
Hope Pub.1967, Music: Songs for a Gospel People
Used by permission. #A715424 OneLicense.net

CELTIC BLESSING

unison

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet,
walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands,
stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart,
open up your hearts to love.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G major - A. Corelli

PARTICIPANTS

Guest Minister **Rev. Dawn Clarke** taught English in several Ontario high schools for twenty years. In a mid-life career change, she became a ministry candidate from Sydenham Street United Church in 2001. She graduated with an M. Div. from Queen's Theological College and was ordained in 2006. She served two pastoral charges: Adolphustown/Conway UC (2006-2011) and Perth Road UC (2012-2018). She retired in December 2018.

Co-Liturgist	Janice Moncrieff
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Reader	Janice Moncrieff
Media Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh, Dylan Lodge
Technical Chair	Nick Steinberg
Refreshments	Mary Davis Little, Dariush Kokabi, Afsaneh Darabi

UPCOMING SERVICES

Summer Service Schedule

All services are at 10 am except Aug 21

- **Aug 7** at Chalmers United Church, Marguerite Van Die, Topic: *Christianity and Inclusion & Diversity*
- 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 of LaSalle Secondary School

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

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

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

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



Chalmers United Church

212 Barrie St. Kingston, ON, K7L 3K3

t 613-546-3263 x 221

f 613-546-3340

e office@chalmersunitedchurch.com

w www.chalmersunitedchurch.com

The Rev. David King, Chalmers' Administrator

e david@narrowgate.ca

The service will be available later online on Chalmers' YouTube channel link found on the Chalmers United Church, Kingston Home Page.

Bulletin Announcements: if you have announcements for the church bulletin or eblast, please send them in by end of day Monday for inclusion the following Sunday to: bulletin@chalmersunitedchurch.com