

# 4CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, OCT. 2, 2022 10:30 AM

REV. PAUL CURRIE

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION

## **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 others' safety. We welcome this choice and urge everyone to respect individuals' choices - each according to their own personal situation.
3. Social distancing still continues in the sanctuary and MacCallum Hall.

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

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### CHORALE PRELUDE

*Melcombe - 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

One: We light this candle to remind us that Christ is the light of the world and present in our midst.

**All: May the life and words of Jesus enlighten us on our way.**

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### CENTERING PRAYER

**All: God of all the ages,  
you have revealed your grace in our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
As we wait patiently on your mercies,  
strengthen us to live in your justice,  
that with open hearts we may hear  
and accomplish your will, through Christ,  
who lights the way to life everlasting. Amen.**

#### HYMN VU 405 *New Every Morning is the Love*

- 1** New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life, and power, and thought.
- 2** New mercies each returning day  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
- 3** If on our daily course our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still of countless price  
God will provide for sacrifice.

4 The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we ought to ask,  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.

5 Only, O God, in your dear love  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.

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## A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All: We open now to Sacred Mystery, to the Holy One,  
infinitely greater than words can express,  
whose love for us and all creation  
exceeds our capacity to imagine. Amen.**

### READING

Al Fletcher

Psalm 37: 1 - 9

Luke 17: 1 - 6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN VU 703** *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

1 In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;  
In our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

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**PG VU 918** *A New Creed*

**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 in God.**

**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.  
Thanks be to God.**

The United Church of Canada,  
General Council 1968, alt. 1998

**MEDITATION**

Rev. Dr. Paul Currie

*Faith*

**OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**DOXOLOGY**

**HYMN VU 540** *Grant Us God, the Grace of Giving*

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.

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# CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All:** For the loaf we have shared and the cup we have passed,  
we thank you, O God. May they ever remind us of your gracious  
mercy and everlasting gift of love.

In celebrating today, we have gathered at your Table  
with all believers here in Kingston, and the world round,  
in this time, and always.

Let this sacrament leave its mark upon us  
as we move through the days ahead,  
assured that we are not alone. Amen.

### HYMN VU 288 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**1** Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

### Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

**2** Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **R**

**3** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. **R**

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### BENEDICTION

### THREEFOLD AMEN

**VU 967** Amen, amen, amen.

Danish

### POSTLUDE

*O Great is the Depth* (from St. Paul) - F. Mendelssohn

## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

**Guest Minister****Rev. Dr. Paul Currie**

Paul is a retired United Church minister, who began his ministry as a Candidate from Chalmers United Church in Kingston. Over more than four decades he has practiced ministry in southern Manitoba, as well as southwestern and eastern Ontario. While serving in Kingston during the 1990's Paul had the honour of both chairing Kingston Presbytery and presiding over the Bay of Quinte Conference. As well as graduating from Queen's with his M. Div., Paul's D. Min. is from Detroit's Ecumenical Theological College, and his Certificate in Conflict Management and Mediation from Conrad Grebel University in Waterloo. He is a Volunteer Associate Minister with the congregation of Edith Rankin Memorial, where he and his wife, Debbie, sing in the choir.

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**After the service,** you are invited to share refreshments and conversation at the back of the sanctuary today.

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