

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, SEPT. 18, 2022 10:30 AM

REV. NADENE GRIEVE-DESLIPPE

"WHAT'S THE POINT?"

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

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Ellers" (Saviour Again) - 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

One: We continue to gather as the body of Christ in community during a time of transition and change.

All: The future is not as clear as we might like, but we live in faith and hope.

One: In worship we seek the sustenance we need to continue to act as sons and daughters of God, and, brothers and sisters of Christ.

All: Open our minds, eyes and hearts to new truths as we unravel the complexities of the gospel. Let us worship God.

CENTERING PRAYER

All: In joy and in trouble help us, O God, to trust in your love. In confusion as in clarity of thought and purpose, enable us to dig deeper into those texts and circumstances that confound. In a spirit of harmony and unity, equip us to be agents and servants of the gospel. Amen.

- 1** You servants of God, your Saviour proclaim,
and publish abroad that wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
whose kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
- 2** God rules in the height, almighty to save;
whose Word still is nigh, a presence we have.
The great congregation God's triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
- 3** "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son!
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
bow down in deep reverence and worship the Lamb.
- 4** Then let us adore and give as is right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: 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.

All: **Amen.**

READING

Jane MacEwen

Luke 16: 1 - 13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

HYMN VU 371 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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SERMON Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe
What's the Point?

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

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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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.
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 426 *Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name*

- 1 Saviour, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we give you thanks before our worship cease,
then, in the silence hear your word of peace.
- 2 Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
with you began, with you shall end the day;
guard now the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon your name.
- 3 Grant us your peace throughout the coming night;
turn all our darkness to your perfect light;
then, through our sleep, our hope and strength renew,
for dark and light are both alike to you.
- 4 Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,
courage in sorrow, courage in our strife;
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, at last, to your eternal peace.

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BENEDICTION

One: May the grace of God, deeper than our imagination; the strength of Christ, stronger than our need; and the communion of the Holy Spirit guide and sustain us, this day and always.

All: **Grace, joy and peace be ours this day.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN VU 477 *I Come with Joy* v.5
Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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POSTLUDE

Sing Praises unto the Lord - Charles Gounod

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister

Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve - Deslippe

Nadene was born and raised in Hamilton. She did her undergraduate work at McMaster and studied theology at Queen's. She completed a Doctor of Ministry at McMaster Divinity College. She has served pastorates in Manitoba and Eastern Ontario and retired on September 30, 2020 from Cooke's-Portsmouth Church, Kingston. She is married to Michael and they have three living daughters and are proud grandparents to three grandchildren. Nadene anticipates enjoying her retirement as Covid restrictions and waves ebb.

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Organist

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Hymn Singers

Members of Chalmers Choir

Reader

Jane MacEwen

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Monika Holzschuh for Nick Steinberg

Refreshments

Heather Faris, Barb Laidlaw

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sept 25: Joint Truth and Reconciliation Group

This service will focus on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
(Orange Shirt Day, Fri. Sept. 30)



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At 10:30 join us in person at Chalmers or watch live-streamed on Chalmers' YouTube channel. The service will
also be posted later to the same channel.

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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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