

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH
FAITH UNITED CHURCH
SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, SEPT. 25, 2022 10:30 AM
NATIONAL DAY FOR
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

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 and others' safety. We welcome this choice and urge everyone to respect individual 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

This Ancient Love

VU 282

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

One: Over the past few years, Land Acknowledgements have become part of our regular practice, in our governments, our schools, and our churches. A land acknowledgement is one way of bringing to front of mind, that the land we, as settlers, reside on was taken from the people who cared for this land for millennia. The Land Acknowledgement is a practice that helps us to *remember to remember*.

All: **Today, as we commemorate Orange Shirt Day, we also reflect on the fact that not only have Indigenous peoples been taken from their lands, but that Indigenous children were taken from their families, forced to abandon their culture and language, and worse.**

Today we acknowledge that we worship on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples who, until European colonization, cared for this land while living with their families, sharing their rich languages, ways of knowing and cultures with their children.

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.**

LIGHTING A CANDLE FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

THEME INTRODUCTION

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN MV 156 *Dance with the Spirit*

1 Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-born-in',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

2 Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
move with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

3 Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
sing with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Creator God, you lay out before us the path of righteousness.
You call for risk-taking loyalty and for challenges that can
sometimes stretch beyond our understanding. We want to
build the quality of life you intend for us and for all people.
Show us how to become more fully engaged as disciples of Jesus
Christ. Help us to structure our priorities so we can witness
faithfully to your will. Amen.**

READING

Matthew 18: 2-6, 10

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

SECWEPEMC HONOUR SONG

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF JESUS

Beloved, our Father and Mother, in whom is heaven,
hallowed be your name, followed be your holy way,
done be your will and rule, throughout the whole creation.
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.

HYMN VU 579 *The Church is wherever God's People are praising*

1 The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.

2 The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

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BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN VU 477 *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

Spirit of Life VU 381

UPCOMING SERVICES
Oct. 2 – 30: Rev. Dr. Paul Currie

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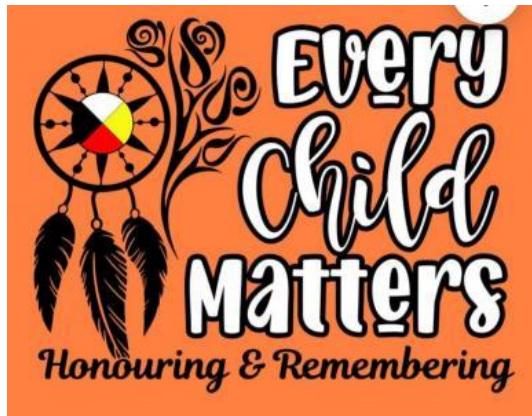
Worship Team	Bill Egnatoff, Bruce Elliott, Patricia Roebuck, James Leake, Lynn Freeman, Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group (JTRAG) from Faith, Sydenham Street and Chalmers United Churches Rev. Catherine Elsdon, Faith and Sydenham Street United Churches
Organist/Pianist	Juliet Milsome
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers Choir
Media Techs	Aidan McClung, Brigitta Holzschuh
Technical Chair	Monika Holzschuh for Nick Steinberg
Refreshments	Marilyn Braden, Lynn Freeman, Mike Hartlin, Malcolm MacPherson, Doreen Morrison

JOINT TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION ACTION GROUP (JTRAG)

People from Chalmers, Faith, and Sydenham Street United Churches as well as others who share an interest in and commitment to advancing reconciliation with Canada's first peoples make up the members of JTRAG. We seek:

- To educate ourselves and others on the legacy of colonialist policies and practice on Canada's first peoples, including hosting events;
- To listen, learn and share new knowledge about the priorities, opportunities and options for reconciliation of Canada's many peoples
- To share information on events being held within the broader community on indigenous culture and history, public policy and related themes.

We meet monthly between September and June and offer one another loving mutual support and encouragement while advancing our goals. We are always eager to welcome new members. If you would like to join us, please contact one of our co-chairs: James Leake <leakejl43@gmail.com> or Juliet Huntly <jhuntly6@gmail.com>.



“Every Child Matters” is the Orange Shirt Day slogan,
meaning that all children are important
– including the ones left behind
and the adult survivors who are still healing
from the trauma of Indian Residential Schools.

Orange Shirt Day / National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

At this service, the focus will be on children, connecting Jesus’s ministry with the contemporary Every Child Matters movement, led by members of the Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group from Chalmers, Faith, and Sydenham Street United Churches. Join us for worship and informal conversation, following worship, with Maple Blueberry Bannock and Strawberry Tea.

If you plan to purchase a t-shirt, please consider that the YMCA has partnered with the Orange Shirt Society and will be selling t-shirts beginning on Tuesday, September 20 for \$21 + HST with all proceeds going to the society.

On Sept. 30, the actual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – the Sydenham Street sanctuary will be open from 11-1pm for quiet reflection.



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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.

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

The link for Chalmers YouTube channel can also be found on the home page of the Chalmers website www.chalmersunitedchurch.org

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

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