

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, OCT. 16, 2022 10:30 AM

REV. DR. PAUL CURRIE

"WRITTEN UPON THE HEART"

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

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 power and justice,
like Jeremiah you weep over those
who wander from you,
turn aside to other gods,
and enter into chaos and destruction.
By your tears and through your mercy,
teach us your ways
and write them on our hearts
so that we may follow faithfully
the path you show us. Amen.**

HYMN VU 220 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear:
brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
how all you needed has been
met by God's gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who out of love will befriend us.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:
gladly with praise we adore him.

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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.

READINGS

Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34

Monika Holzschuh

Luke 18: 1 – 17

Rev Dr Paul Currie

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

HYMN VU 271 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.

3 There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that Christ has shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

4 Troubled souls, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?

5 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

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MEDITATION

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Written Upon the Heart

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

All: 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 670 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears,
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

VU 967 Amen, amen, amen.

Danish

POSTLUDE

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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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.

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