

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, OCT. 23, 2022 10:30 AM

REV. PAUL CURRIE

"ITCHY EARS"

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

Prelude du Sixieme Ton - Gilles Jullien (1650-1703)

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 faithful surprises,
throughout the ages
you have made known your love and power
in unexpected ways and places.
May we daily perceive
the joy and wonder of your abiding presence
and offer our lives in gratitude
for our redemption. Amen.**

HYMN VU 421 *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*

1 Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our slavery left behind us,
new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.

2 Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering,
for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.

3 Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters
may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.

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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

Barb Fletcher

Psalm 84

ANTHEM

As the Deer Panteth for the Water Soloist: Robert Hall

2 Timothy 4

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

HYMN VU 674 *Fight the Good Fight* tune: Duke Street VU 330

1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength and Christ your right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes, and seek Christ's face.
Life with its path before us lies;
Christ is the way, and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
God's boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4 Faint not, nor fear, God's arms are near;
God changes not and you are dear.
Only believe, and Christ shall be
your all in all eternally.

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MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Paul Currie

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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 660 *How Firm a Foundation*

- 1** How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2** 'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.
- 3** 'When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 4** 'When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

5 'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!'

Words: 'K' in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns 1787, alt.

Music: Welsh Folk mel., arr. John Roberts (Henllan) in Caniadau y Cyssegr 1839

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BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

VU 967 Amen, amen, amen.

Danish

POSTLUDE

Plein Jeu (Premier Ton) - Jean Adam Guilain (early 18th century)

In Memoriam

A donation has been made
to the Chalmers Refugee Program
by her family in loving memory of



Madam Justice Mary Frances Dunbar

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.
Co-Liturgist	Janice Moncrieff
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Choir Guests	Welcome to Robert Hall and his wife, Carolyn Smith, who are joining us in the choir today. Robert is a Professor Emeritus from Laurentian University where he taught voice, theory, composition and directed the University Choir. His anthem "As the Deer Panteth" was composed last month and this is the first performance. He will present a concert this afternoon in Chalmers at 3:30 which is sponsored by the Kingston Centre of the RCCO. The concert features music for voice, viola and organ and will include violist Douglas Handforth.
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers Choir
Reader	Barb Fletcher
Media Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung
Technical Chair	Monika Holzschuh for Nick Steinberg
Refreshments	Barb Fletcher



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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>

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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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