

# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, NOV. 13, 2022 10:30 AM

REV. IAN R. MACKAY

"A Little Can Mean a Lot"

## **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

*Rhosymedre* (excerpt) - Ralph Vaughan Williams

### 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: For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

(II Corinthians 4: 6)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** Come, all who gather to worship God.

This is a time to experience good news.

**All:** This is God's house and we can meet God here.

**We are brought together and belong to the family of God.**

**One:** Come with expectancy and anticipation.

God is present to greet you and to lift up your spirits.

**All:** We are here to remember the ministry of Jesus.

**We are here to be equipped to do his work.**

**One:** In our eager waiting there is fullness of joy.

In our preparation for worship, we discover life.

**All:** Unless God is the One to shape our lives we live

incompletely. Unless we view ourselves as God's own, we are not yet fully alive.

### CENTERING PRAYER *(together)*

**All:** In the security of your love, mighty God, it is well with us. Our work is fulfilling and our fellowship reflects your faithfulness. You are the builder in whose hands the church can become a community of joy and fulfillment. You keep watch over us. You enable us to be the church wherever we live and serve. Be known to us now, we pray, and strengthen all who eagerly attend to your word. Amen.

### **HYMN VU 321** *Maker, In Whom We Live*

**1** Maker, in whom we live,  
in whom we are and move,  
the glory, power, and praise  
receive for your creating love.  
Let all the angel throng  
give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song  
and echoes to the sky.

**2** Incarnate Deity,  
let all the ransomed race  
render in thanks their lives  
to you for your redeeming grace.  
The grace to sinners shown,  
you heavenly choirs proclaim,  
and cry, "Salvation to our God,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

**3** Spirit of Holiness,  
let all your saints adore  
your sacred energy, and bless  
your heart-renewing power.  
No angel tongues can tell  
your love's ecstatic height,  
the glorious joy unspeakable,  
the beatific sight.

4 Eternal, Triune God,  
let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record  
and dwell upon your love.  
When heaven and earth have fled  
before your glorious face,  
may all the saints your love has made  
sing everlasting praise.

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## A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(together)*

**All: Gracious God, your favour rests on those who are impoverished  
as much as on those who possess much. We seek in these  
moments to lay aside our anxiety that we might hear and  
respond to your word and be empowered to live by it. Amen.**

### READING

Gerald McGrath

**VU pg. 818** Psalm 98

**Refrain: *(sung)***

**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

**1 Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for God has done marvelous things.**

Your right hand and your holy arm have brought victory.

**You have made known your salvation,  
and revealed and revealed before the nations  
your saving power.**

You have remembered your steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God. R**

**2 Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous praise, sing psalms.**

Sing psalms to God, with the harp,  
**with the harp and melodious voice.**

With trumpets, and the sound of the horn  
**make a joyful noise before our sovereign God. R**

3 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and its inhabitants.  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
the hills sing together for joy before God.  
You come to judge the earth, O God,  
to judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity. R

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Luke 20: 45 - 21: 1- 4

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God**

**HYMN VU 372** *Though I May Speak*

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

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**MEDITATION**

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## COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

### OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

#### DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

tune: Stuttgart Hymn 444

Every gift and good endowment  
comes from you, O God of light,  
for our wisdom and enjoyment  
as we walk by faith and sight.

May our work reflect your justice  
and your law of liberty.  
May our witness move your people  
to renewed integrity.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER *(together)*

Gracious God, we give in the spirit of Jesus whose whole life was  
committed to proclaiming your love. All we have comes from  
you. With gratitude we make our offerings. We bring ourselves  
as well, to be blessed by you, that we may be a blessing to  
others. To this end we dedicate ourselves with our gifts. Amen.

#### 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.  
Send 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 333 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be:  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
'til in heav'n we take our place,  
'til we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Chromatic* - Alec Rowley

## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

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has been an ordained Minister of the United Church for 50 years having served pastorates in northern Manitoba (Flin Flon), south-western Ontario (London and Chatham), eastern Ontario (Edith Rankin Memorial, 1983-1993) and Montreal (St. Lambert, 1994-2010). In their retirement years, he and his wife Jane live near Verona where they regularly attend and offer services to Trinity United Church. They have 3 sons and 3 grandchildren. Two of the families live on the west coast, in the Seattle area and in New Westminster, and their youngest son lives in Halifax. This, alone can keep them active, travelling to both sides of the country! They also enjoy cycling, but only for much shorter distances and close to home!

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**After the service,** you are invited to share refreshments and conversation.

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