

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, NOV. 20, 2022 10:30 AM

REV. DR. NADENE GRIEVE-DESLIPPE

"HONOUR AMONG THIEVES"

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

Sarabande (from Sonata for Strings) - Arcangelo Corelli (ed. S. Drummond Wolff)

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 ADVENT CANDLE

One: 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

One: This is the final Sunday of the liturgical year. Next Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent. Our homes, communities and sanctuaries will be decorated with symbols of the season. But before we can anticipate and celebrate his birth we reflect upon his life, including the agony of the cross.

All: **On this reign of Christ Sunday we remember the humility of his life, the breadth of his welcome and his commitment to the will of God. In worship we seek the tools we need to embrace humility, broaden our reach and recommit our lives in service. Let us worship in honesty.**

Holy One, who has existed since before time, remind us of your steadfast permanence in these times when the world is too much with us. Saving One, who did not abandon his mission even when nailed to a cross, may we demonstrate patience, love and forgiveness when our times are most challenging. Present One, who remains in the world to grace us with roots and wings, secure us and inspire us in all ways. Holy One, Saving One, Present One bless us, so that we might be a blessing. Amen

HYMN VU 213 *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore:

Refrain:

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above. **R**

3 God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given. **R**

4 Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the Judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home:
We then shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice! **R**

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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

Heather Faris

Luke 23: 33 - 43

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

HYMN VU 658 *O Love that Wilt not let Me Go*

1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3 O Joy that sleekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

4 O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

Honour Among Thieves

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

DOXOLOGY

HYMN VU 543 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* v. 1

1 We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.

2 May we they bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first-fruits give.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 211 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

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BENEDICTION

One: May the light of Christ shine before you. May the love of God surround and empower you. May the power of God's presence provide comfort, courage, compassion and hope as you live your lives to the glory of God.

All: **May the God of hope fill us with joy and peace. Amen**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN VU 963 *May the Grace of Christ Attend Us*

May the grace of Christ attend us,
and the love of God surround us,
and the Holy Spirit keep us,
now and ever. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

Noel II (from Twelve Noels) – J.J. Charpentier (ed. Richard Peek)

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

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

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