

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, NOV. 27, 2022 10:30 AM

REV. JOHN SUK

"THE DREAMS TO END NAGGING"

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

Sleepers Wake

arr. F. Mendelssohn

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.

CENTERING PRAYER *(sung)*

HYMN VU 1 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* v.6

O Come thou Dayspring, from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. **R**

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Jane MacEwen

One: Today we light the candle of **hope**. *(light Candle)*

Two: The prophet said, "The people walking darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."

All: **Advent is a time for reawakening to our longing for God with us.**

HYMN MV 33 *Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope* v. 1

Jesus came bringing us hope, Jesus came bringing us hope,
Jesus came bringing us hope, Hallelujah forever more!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

(said in unison)

Peace to all beings
Whether near or far
Known or unknown
Born or yet to be born.

Peace to all creatures
Within and beyond the imagination
In the world of ideas
And in the world of nature.

Finally, in this season of Advent
May we all experience
The peace that passes all understanding.
Amen.

HYMN VU 25 *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
see the Lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

2 Every eye shall then behold you,
robed in awesome majesty;
all who jeered, and mocked,
and sold you, pierced, and nailed you
to the tree' deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.

3 Now redemption, long expected
see in solemn pomp appear;
all the saints, by us rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

4 Yea! Amen! Let all adore you,
high on your eternal throne;
crowns and empires fall before you,
claim the kingdom for your own!
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Everlasting Christ, come down.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Holy One, Sacred Mystery, whose foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, open our hearts and minds.

All: Amen.

READING

Rev. John Suk

Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

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

All: Amen.

MESSAGE

Rev. John Suk

The Dreams to End Nagging

HYMN VU 5 *All Earth is Waiting*

- 1 All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.
- 2 Thus says the prophet to those of Israel,
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel."
One whose name is "God with us," our Saviour shall be,
through whom hope will blossom once more within our hearts.
- 3 Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain,
open new highways, now highways for our God,
who is now coming closer, so come all and see,
and open the doorways as wide can be.
- 4 In lowly stable the Promised One appeared.
Yet, feel that presence throughout the earth today,
for Christ lives in all Christians and is with us now;
again, on arriving, Christ brings us liberty.

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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.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed One, our Mother and our Father
holy is your name.
May your love be enacted in the world.
May your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For all that we do in your love,
and all that your love brings to birth,
are yours, now and forever. Amen

HYMN VU 18 *There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
The lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where God, our God, may go!

2 O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up to the heights and sing!
proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
like grass our works decay;
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass, like a dream, away.

3 But the word of our God endureth,
whose arm is ever strong;
God stands in the midst of nations,
and soon will right the wrong.
God shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
the lambs so gently hold;
to pastures of peace will lead them,
and bring them safe to fold.

4 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where God, our God, may go!

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BENEDICTION

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

Gloria

trad. French carol, *Ding Dong, Merrily on High*

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

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

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