

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, JAN. 15, 2023 10:30 AM

REV. DR. NADENE GRIEVE-DESLIPPE

"ANSWERING A QUESTION WITH A QUESTION"

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 - 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: 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

One: Jesus asked those who were following him what they were looking for. The same question can be put to us today. What have we come to this sacred space and time seeking?

All: **Some have come for inspiration; others for fellowship; some to sing and others for rest and respite from the demanding world. May we be blessed with eyes for seeing and ears for hearing; and leave this place equipped and enabled to live as servants and agents of the gospel.**

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy One, quiet our restlessness and fill us with calm.
Saving One, pique our curiosity so that we might come to better know you. Present One, renew us so that we might leave this place better equipped to be your sons and daughters in the world. Holy One, Saving One, Present One bless us now and ever. Amen.

HYMN VU 299 *Teach Me, God, to Wonder*

1 Teach me, God, to wonder; teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.

Refrain:

**Praise to you be given; love for you be lived,
life be celebrated; joy you give.**

2 Let me, God, be open; let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me. **R**

3 Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake
in your world of loving my place take. **R**

4 Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet. **R**

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

PRAYER OF 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.

READINGS

John 1: 29 - 42

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

HYMN VU 374 *Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

1 Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

3 In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

Answering a Question with a Question

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

HYMN VU 635 *All the Way My Saviour Leads Me*

1 All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

2 All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the Rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see!

3 All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
"Jesus led me all the way."

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BENEDICTION

May the grace of God, the compassion of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit bless and keep you in all ways and in all things.

Amen

POSTLUDE

Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren - Dietrich Buxtehude

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Minister

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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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