

# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY, JAN. 22, 2023 10:30 AM



CAPTAIN BEATRICE GALE, RMC CHAPLAIN  
"ON DEEP DARKNESS, LIGHT HAS SHINED"

## **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

*Morning Song* - William France

*Gwalchmai* - Christopher Tambling

### 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: Hey! God! What's with all the gloom and darkness? Why is there still war, with news of more dead? And why are we so very divided even here locally?

Aren't you supposed to do something about this? Isn't this exactly with what you promised to help us?

We're here because we still trust you. We still wait, and while we wait, we worship. What else could we do?

**All: Our act of worship is our participation in Christ's light**

**We worship to follow Jesus' way**

**We accept the invitation**

**Our opening ourselves to God is the only way we know**

**Not only to cope, but to heal ourselves, each other, and the world.**

**God, we worship in the hope that we can become the people you call us to be.**

## CENTERING PRAYER

One: So we come to this place  
And humbly ask the same of you, God  
Show up for us  
Show us that we are not alone

All: **We thirst for your presence**  
**We hunger for your justice**  
**We long for your wholeness**

One: Centre us on your love  
Centre us in your love  
Centre us by your love

All: **Be here, Lord Jesus**  
**Be here, Holy Spirit**  
**Come be here now, we pray, Amen**

## HYMN MV 4 *All Who Are Thirsty*

All who are thirsty,  
all who are weak, come to the fountain.  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep; we sing

### Refrain:

Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain.  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep; we sing

### Refrain:

Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit come. (4x)

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# A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

## READINGS

Isaiah 9: 1 - 4

John 8: 12 - 20

**HYMN VU 87** *I Am the Light of the World*

**Refrain:**

**"I am the light of the world!**

**You people come and follow me!"**

**If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.**

**1** When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,  
the work of Christmas is begun:

**2** To find the lost and lonely one,  
to heal the broken soul with love,  
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,  
to feel the earth below, the sky above! **R**

**3** To free the prisoner from all chains,  
to make the powerful care,  
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,  
to see God's children everywhere!

**4** To bring hope to every task you do,  
to dance at a baby's new birth,  
to make music in an old person's heart,  
and sing to the colours of the earth! **R**

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## SERMON

Rev. Beatrice Gale

*On Deep Darkness, Light has Shined*

# COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

## OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

### DOXOLOGY

**HYMN VU 541** *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.

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### PASTORAL PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN MV 29** *How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place*

**1** How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord almighty. For my soul longs and  
Even faints for you. For  
Here my heart is satisfied within your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of our wings.

**2** thing I ask and I would seek:  
To see your beauty, to find you in the  
Place your glory dwells. One  
Thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty,  
To find you in the place your glory dwells.

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### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Hyfrydol* - Healy Willan

## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

### **Minister**

### **Rev (Captain) Beatrice Gale, RMC Chaplain**

Captain the Reverend Beatrice Gale has been a United Church minister for 15 years, serving Memorial United Church in Prince Edward Island and then Brookfield Pastoral Charge in Nova Scotia before joining the Canadian Army in January 2017. She began her military journey at CFB Gagetown, working for the Royal Canadian Artillery School, the Infantry School, and the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment, with whom she deployed to Latvia in 2020. She moved to Kingston in 2021, working with the military intelligence community before moving to the Royal Military College in 2022, where she serves currently. Padre Bea is the first openly transgender chaplain in the Canadian military.

### **Co-Liturgist**

Linda Steinberg

### **Organist**

Aurora Dokken

### **Hymn Singers**

Members of Chalmers Choir

### **Media Techs**

Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung

### **Refreshments**

Barb Laidlaw

Flowers are  
In Loving Memory of



*All loved ones  
that Chalmers folk  
have lost in 2022.*

*May you rest in peace.*

the Steinbergs.



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on Chalmers' YouTube channel.

The service will also be posted later to the same channel.

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

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