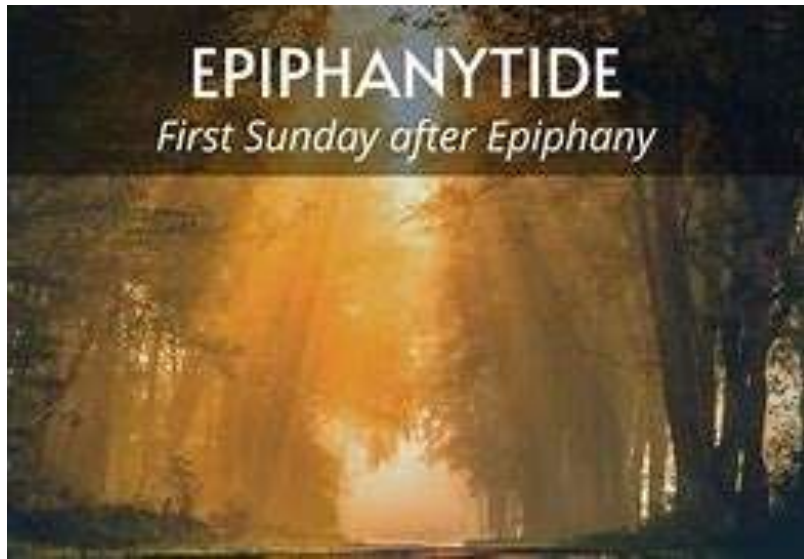


CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, JAN. 8, 2023 10:30 AM

BAPTISM OF JESUS

REV. NANCY CLARKE

"YOU ARE MY BELOVED"

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

CHORALE PRELUDE

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist (The old year has passed)
- J. Steurlein (1546-1613) arr. by J.S. Bach

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

Creator Spirit, moving over the waters, you renew our baptism. God of the flood, you save us from destruction. Holy Spirit, Jordan dove, you came upon Jesus. Descend now upon us. Voice from heaven, call us by name. We are your beloved. Amen.

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: All who thirst, come to the water.

All: Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

One: As the waters of the Jordan washed over Jesus, so may the Holy Spirit wash over you and I.

All: Our Gracious God beckons and blesses us. Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

HYMN VU 342 *You Servants of God* (Psalter Hymnal, 1987)

- 1** You servants of God, your Saviour proclaim,
and publish abroad that wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
whose kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
- 2** God rules in the height, almighty to save;
whose Word still is nigh, a presence we have.
The great congregation God's triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
- 3** "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son!
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
bow down in deep reverence and worship the Lamb.
- 4** Then let us adore and give as is right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: O God, we long to hear your Holy Word in fresh ways. Open our ears to the call of your voice. Open our eyes to the dawn of a new day. Fill us with longing for your future. Amen.

READINGS

Isaiah 42: 1 – 9

Matthew 3: 13 – 17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

HYMN VU 120 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.

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SERMON

You are my beloved.

Rev. Nancy Clarke

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING PRAYER

**Through these gifts, O God, may all hear the call to compassion.
Through these gifts, O God, may all embrace the ways of
sharing and of justice. May all know life with the loving Christ.**

DOXOLOGY

HYMN VU 543 *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

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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 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

One: You are God's beloved.

All: We go forth to fulfill our high calling as servants and witnesses of Jesus Christ.

One: As you go know that with you is the love of God surrounding you, the grace of Christ upholding you and the guidance of the Holy Spirit comforting you.

All: Now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Introduction (from Introduction and Fughetta in e minor)

- Walter Alcock (1861-1947)

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Minister

Rev. Nancy Clarke is originally from London, Ontario. She graduated from Queen's Theological College and was ordained by the United Church of Canada in 1987. Her first pastoral charge was near Truro, Nova Scotia. In Ontario she has ministered at the Wooler-Stockdale Pastoral Charge near Trenton, the Portland-Elgin Pastoral Charge, at Grace United Church in Sydenham, at St. Matthew's United Church, Kingston and was the Pastoral Care Minister at Chalmers United Church (September 2011 – June 2017 and April 2018 – September 2018). Nancy served the Roblin-Enterprise United Church Pastoral Charge (Oct. 1, 2016 – Apr. 19, 2022). She is currently filling in as Sunday pulpit supply in the Kingston area. She is married to the Anglican Archdeacon Rev. Bill Clarke, who is the minister at St. Thomas's Anglican Church, Kingston. They have 2 adult sons, a daughter-in-law and a young granddaughter. Nancy is delighted to be our Pulpit Supply minister on Jan. 1 and 8, 2023.

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After the service, you are invited to share refreshments and
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