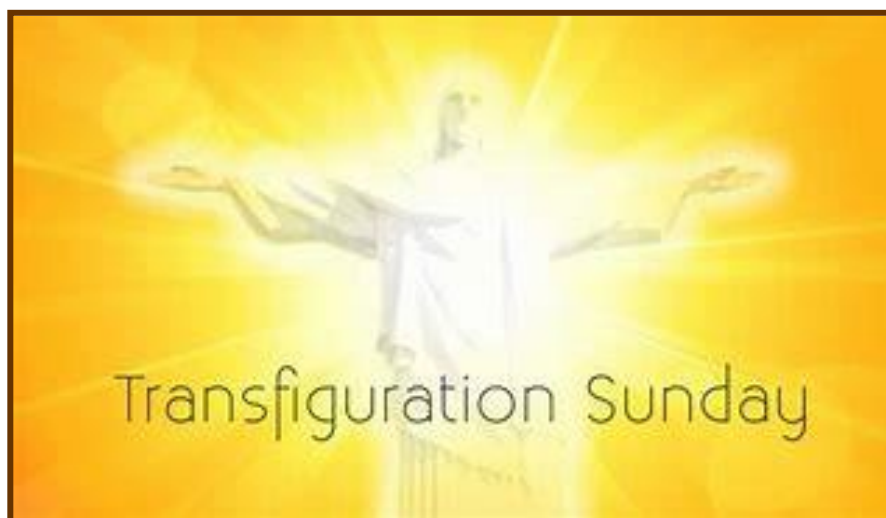


# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



FEB. 19, 2023 10:30 AM

REV DR DON MISENER

"JOURNEY NUMBER 2 – FALLING UPWARD"

## **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

*Chorale Fantasia on Robert Fleming's Concord* - David Cameron

### 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: We have gathered to worship God

All: **We have come seeking comfort,  
inspiration, community and new horizons**

One: We have come to open ourselves  
to the power of God's Presence in our midst

All: **We have come to remember the awakenings in our spiritual  
journey and to ask God's help in learning and in growing**

#### CENTERING PRAYER

O God you touch our lives with mystery and with hope.  
As we remember times of challenge, suffering and regret  
You provide companionship that confronts and heals.  
Help us to see Your power working in and through us.  
As we journey together in worship today  
Inspire us to hear your special word to us  
and empower us to respond with courage and with trust. Amen.

**HYMN VU 232** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive our fear and doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

2 All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.

3 You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music lifts us sunward  
in the triumph song of life

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## A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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. **Amen.**

### READINGS

Micah 6: 6 - 8

**HYMN VU Pg. 762 Psalm 36**

**Refrain:**

**Your steadfast love, O God,  
extends to the heavens.**

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mountains, O God,  
your judgements are like the great deep;  
all living things you save. R**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,  
And you give them drink from the river of your delights. R**

For with you is the fountain of life;  
In your light do we see light.

**Continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
And your salvation to the upright in heart. R**

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**Mark 8: 34- 36; 9: 2 - 8**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN VU 398** *Great Shepherd of Your People*

1 Great Shepherd of your people, hear!  
your presence now display;  
as you have given a place for prayer,  
so give us hearts to pray.

2 Within these walls let holy peace  
and love and friendship dwell;  
here give the troubled conscience ease,  
the wounded spirit heal.

3 May we in faith receive your word,  
in faith present our prayers;  
and in the presence of our God  
unburden all our cares.

4 The hearing ear, the seeing eye,  
the contrite heart bestow;  
and shine upon us from on high,  
that we in grace may grow.

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**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Don Misener

*Journey Number 2 – Falling Upward*

**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**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. **Amen.**

### HYMN VU 559 *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

1 Come, O Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing your grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of endless praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
mount of God's unfailing love.

2 Here I pause in my sojourning;  
giving thanks for having come,  
come to trust, at every turning,  
God will guide me safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
came to rescue me from danger,  
precious presence, precious blood.

3 O, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I am drawn anew!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to you.  
Prone to wander, I can feel it,  
wander from the love I've known:  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;  
seal it for your very own.

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### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Festival Voluntary* - Flor Peeter

## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

### **Minister**

Rev Dr Don Misener

Born and raised on a farm near Brantford, Ontario in 1943 Don has ministered in a variety of settings including Kingston Pen, St Paul's Hospital and College of Emmanuel and St Chad in Saskatoon, Kingston Institute of Pastoral Care and congregations in eastern Ontario. In all of these settings he has taught a ministry of spiritual care. He is currently providing an interim pastoral care ministry to Chalmers shut ins and at Zion United Church. Don is married to Bonnie who has co-taught pastoral and spiritual care with him. They are parents of 3 boys and grandparents of 9.

### **Reader**

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

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