

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, FEB. 26, 2023 10:30 AM

REV NANCY CLARKE

"EVERYDAY TEMPTATIONS"

LENT I

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

The Earl of Shaftsbury's Pavan - William Byrd

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: In Lent, we pause and reflect.

All: **Temptation calls us to take more, always more.**

One: In Lent we realize the consequences of "more".

All: **We have everything in Christ! Praise be to God!**

CENTERING PRAYER

All: **O Loving God, we seek your presence in our struggles. Grant that we may be nourished by your Word. Feed us with your strength that we might resist temptation. Fill us with your grace that we may be faithful in serving you. We ask in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.**

HYMN VU 271 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.

3 There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that Christ has shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

4 Troubled souls, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?

5 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all, we follow Jesus into the unknown. May we recognize
temptation when it comes. God of the desert, let it be your bread
we eat. God of the wilderness, let it be your world we serve.
God of all, let it be you alone we worship. **Amen.**

READINGS

Romans 5: 1 - 19

Matthew 4: 1 - 11

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

Rev. Nancy Clarke

Everyday Temptations

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

DOXOLOGY

HYMN VU 540 *Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving*

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
With a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

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OFFERING PRAYER

O Loving God, we offer ourselves and these gifts in thankfulness and faith. We trust that you will bless this offering to become visible love and hope for our world. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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 330 *Jesus Shall Reign*

- 1 Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound wheree'er he reigns:
and prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 4 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

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BENEDICTION

- One: May the assurance of God's presence ever with us, give us courage.
May we confidently go where Christ leads us.
- All: **May we trust the Spirit to guide us through what was, what is,
and what will be. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Arioso - George F. Handel

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 (October 1, 2016 – April 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.

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channel.

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

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