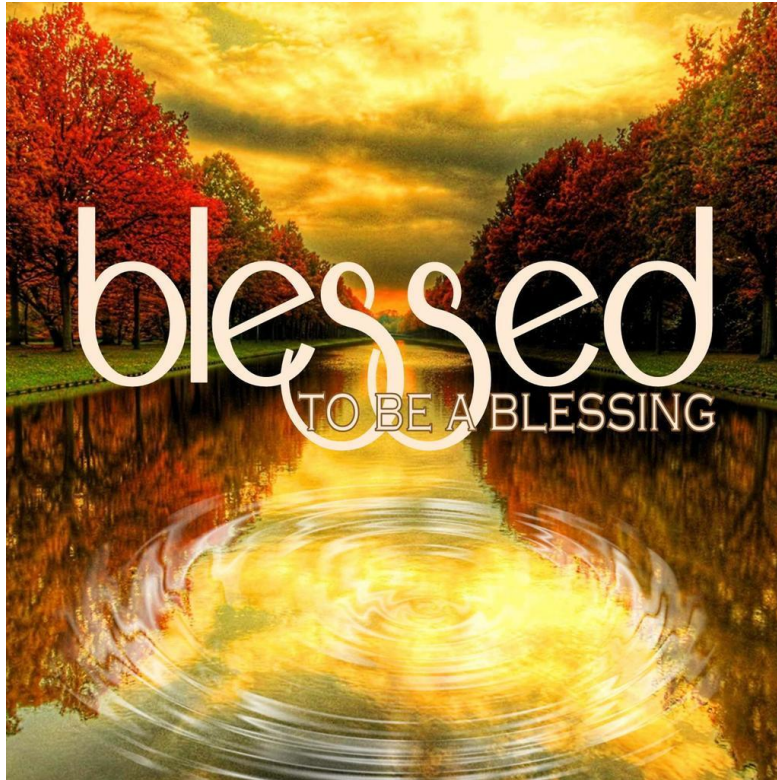


CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, FEB. 5, 2023 10:30 AM

REV. DR. NADENE GRIEVE-DESLIPPE

"BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING"

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

Andante con moto - J. Rodenkirchen (b. 1849)

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 been called the salt of the earth

All: Let us remain distinctive and salty.

One: We have been called the light of the world.

All: Let us shine brightly in the midst of pain and confusion.

One: We have been called a city set on a hill.

All: Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our heart, lift our voices in the worship of God.

CENTERING PRAYER

We have been called the salt of the earth and yet much of our saltiness has ebbed over time. We have been called the light of the world and yet our shine has dimmed with the weight of uncertainty, the challenges of age and the rise of cynicism in a troubled world. Open our eyes to the power and presence of the divine within us and round about us. Attune our senses to the demands of the gospel and the promises of God's ever nearness. Equip and enable us, O God, to allow our light to shine in the darkness, and our saltiness to add zest and hope to the ordinary. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

HYMN VU 222 *Come, Let Us Sing to Our Lord*

- 1** Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.
- 2** O thirsty soul, some drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
- 3** You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sister will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.
- 4** Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.

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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

Matthew 5: 13 – 20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 578 *As a Fire is Meant for Burning*

1 As a fire is meant for burning
With a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbours everywhere.

2 We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God's delight.

3 As a green bud in the springtime
Is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
mid earth's peoples, many-hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

Blessed to be a Blessing

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

HYMN VU 427 *To Show by Touch and Word*

To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.

Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
Our hearts to log for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
We need your guidance and your grace.

Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
And let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
Your wits about us where we live.

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BENEDICTION

May God bless and keep you in all ways and in all things. May you be as
zest and light in a world in need of warmth and hope. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Andante religioso (2nd movement from Sonata No. 4 in Bb) - F. Mendelssohn

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Minister

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Nadene 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.

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After the service, you are invited to share
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