

# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

LENT 5

REV. NANCY CLARKE

"UNBINDING LAZARUS"

## 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

*Slow March* (from the Fourth Sonata) - William Boyce

### 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 move our lives closer to following God's will.

**All: We seek the Spirit and gain new insight.**

One: We will follow Jesus and find new life in God's grace.

**All: We gather to worship together. Praise be to God!**

#### CENTERING PRAYER

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. We ask in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

**HYMN VU 313** *God, Whose Almighty Word*

**1** God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight,  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.

**2** Jesus, who came to bring  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight,  
health to the troubled mind,  
sight to the Spirit-blind,  
O now to humankind  
let there be light.

**3** Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

**4** Blessed and holy three,  
glorious trinity,  
wisdom, love, might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride  
through the world far and wide,  
let there be light.

Words: John Marriott ca 1813, alt. Music: adapt. From Felice de Giardini 1769  
Used by permission. #A715424 OneLicense.net

## A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Enlightening Spirit, we get discouraged in seeking your truth.  
In the midst of our bewilderment, clear our eyes. Grant us  
courage and strengthen our determination. Surprising Spirit,  
show us a better way. Amen

### READING

John 11: 1 - 45

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN VU 560 *Oh Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

- 1 O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret, help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
with some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee ,  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sure and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,
- 4 in hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden 1879, alt. Music: Henry Percy Smith 1874  
Used by permission. #A715424 OneLicense.net

### SERMON

"Unbinding Lazarus"

Rev. Nancy Clarke

## 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.

Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674 Music: Genevan Psalter 1551 Used  
by permission. #A715424 OneLicense.net

#### OFFERING PRAYER

O God, we are grateful that we are loved by you. Accept these  
gifts as a sign of our love and our thanksgiving. In the name of  
Jesus 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 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.

Words: Charles Wesley 1747 Music: Rowland Huw Prichard 1831 ©  
Used by permission. #A715424 OneLicense.net

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

VU 430

God be in my head, and in my understanding.  
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.  
**Amen.**

Words: The Book of Hours (1514) Music: Walford Davies, 1910  
Used by permission. #A715424 OneLicense.net

## **POSTLUDE**

*Diapason Movement* - William Walond

## 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.

### Reader

David Spooner

### Co-Liturgist

Linda Steinberg

### Organist

Juliet Milsome

### Hymn Singers

Members of Chalmers Choir

### Media Techs

Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung

### Refreshments

Rosalie and David Spooner

### Counters

Murray Anderson, Barbara Laidlaw

Flowers in the sanctuary today  
are placed in loving memory of

*Edmund (Ed) Hartlin*

from Muriel (Mike) and family





**To submit materials for the bulletin** please use: [bulletin@chalmersunitedchurch.com](mailto:bulletin@chalmersunitedchurch.com) Please send announcements by end of day Monday, or late editions by end of day Tuesday for inclusion the following Sunday.

**Please send verbal announcements to:**  
[bulletin@chalmersunitedchurch.com](mailto:bulletin@chalmersunitedchurch.com)  
and Linda Steinberg [hpsesp14@gmail.com](mailto:hpsesp14@gmail.com)

**At 10:30 join us in person at Chalmers or watch live-streamed** on Chalmers' YouTube channel. The service will also be posted later to the same channel.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUgl1tZaiRji18sFwj2P2Q>

The link for Chalmers YouTube channel can also be found on the home page of the Chalmers website  
[www.chalmersunitedchurch.org](http://www.chalmersunitedchurch.org)

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

#### **Chalmers United Church**

212 Barrie St. Kingston, K7L 3K3

**t** 613-546-3263 x 221

**e** [office@chalmersunitedchurch.com](mailto:office@chalmersunitedchurch.com)

**w** [www.chalmersunitedchurch.com](http://www.chalmersunitedchurch.com)

The Rev. David King, Chalmers' Administrator

**e** [david@narrowgate.ca](mailto:david@narrowgate.ca)