

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM EASTER IV

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

REV. JOHN SUK

"THE GOD WHO WHISPERS"

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

Siciliano - John Alcock Jr. (1740-91)

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: If you are a dreamer, come in,
If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar,
A hope-er, a pray-er, a magic bean buyer...
If you're a pretender, come sit by my fire
For we have some flax-golden tales to spin.
Come in!
Come in!

(Shel Silverstein)

HYMN VU 245 *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet*

1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
 praise the Lord in the dark of night,
 praise the Lord in the rain or
 snow or in the morning light.
 Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
 praise the Lord on the highest hill,
 praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
 praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
 praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
 praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
 praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
 praise the Lord in the time of joy,
 praise the Lord every moment,
 nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
 praise the Lord in your work or play,
 praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Dear God, we are hard of hearing, especially when it comes to
 your words. Excite us. Disturb us. Encourage us. Comfort us.
 Amen.

READINGS

2 Peter 1: 16 – 21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The God Who Whispers

Rev. John Suk

HYMN VU 242 *Let All Things Now Living*

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

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COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OFFERING

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

All: Blessed One, our Father and Mother
holy is your name.
May your love be enacted in the world.
May your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For all that we do in your love,
and all that your love brings to birth,
are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN VU 679 *Let There Be Light*

1 Let there be light,
let there be understanding.
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face;

2 open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace;

3 perish the sword,
perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain;

4 hallow our love
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowèd be your name;

5 your kingdom come,
your spirit turn to language,
your people speak together,
your spirit never fade;

6 let there be light;
open your hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN VU 175 *This is the Day*

Refrain:

This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day That God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

1 Christ has conquered death at last,
Left the tomb that held him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
Dawns the morning clear and bright! **R**

2 Jesus lives who once was dead,
Lives forever, as he said!
Risen now our Saviour, King;
Songs of gladness let us sing! **R**

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POSTLUDE

Hymn Prelude on *Angelic Songs* - ed. Herbert Gotsch (1982)

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

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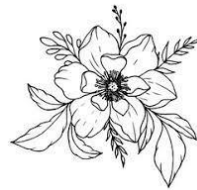
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After the service you are invited to share in refreshments and fellowship.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of our beloved

Joan (Nyonya) and her parents

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