

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

REV. IAN R. MACKAY

"BEHIND AND BEYOND LOCKED DOORS"

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

Prelude on Franconia (We give thee but thine own) - C.S. Lang

(from Twenty Hymn Tune Preludes (1966))

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: Light comes and shines through the darkness.
Christ risen and real is alive and lightens our way.
In the glory of God's perpetual light, let us be as Christ's light to each other.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is our strength and our salvation; let everything that breathes praise our God.
All: This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
One: Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love.
Praise God for loving care and answered prayer.
All: We will give thanks this day, for God is good. The steadfast love of God endures forever.
One: Grace to you and peace from the One who is, and who was, and who is to come.
All: We are witnesses to the God who acts. We are here to offer our worship and praise.

CENTERING PRAYER

God of all beginnings, may this day and every day begin with our praise to you. Let every breath become a witness to your Spirit dwelling in and among us. Open our hearts to receive your saving gifts. Loosen our tongues to proclaim your unsurpassed greatness. May this act of worship help us to know your powerful presence, and to claim the joy that issues through faith. Amen.

HYMN VU 334 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,

Refrain

**and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

2 O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace **R**

3 Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod, **R**

4 Let every tongue and every tribe,
responsive to the call,
to him all majesty ascribe **R**

5 O that, with all the sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall,
join in the everlasting song, **R**

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of peace by whose breath the Holy Spirit enters our lives,
come to us now whether we have opened or locked our doors.
Lead us to faith beyond sight, trust beyond doubt, deeds
beyond words, that we may live as your forgiven and forgiving
people, leading the way for realization of your peace among us
and in the world. Amen.**

READINGS

I Peter 1: 3 - 9

John 20: 19 – 31

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 211 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

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SERMON

Rev. Ian R. Mackay

Behind and Beyond Locked Doors

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OFFERING

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

The doors were shut because of fear; disciples were afraid.
The rumours they began to hear; the claims that some had made,
confused and shaken to the core; they knew their leader dead.
Yet Christ appeared through bolted doors, alive as some have said.

Be bold, as witnesses to truth; be daring to proclaim
the message meant for aged and youth: full life in Jesus' name.
O God, receive us now we pray, inheritors of grace.
We seek your mandate to obey, disciples in this place.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

For breath of life, for eyes to see, for insight to believe, for courage
to witness, we give thanks, gracious God. These signs of your
presence are everywhere. Your glory and dominion are for ever and
ever. May this offering witness to your grace and peace. Grant your
Spirit as a transforming power among us that inspires and enables
our service. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us. Send us from the time of trial, and deliver
us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

HYMN VU 213 *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore:

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above. R

3 God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given. **R**

4 Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the Judge, shall come to glorify the saints
for their eternal home:
We then shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice! **R**

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING

HYMN VU 179 *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks (sung)* v.4

Refrain: Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

4 Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. **R**

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POSTLUDE

Liturgical Improvisation No. 1

(from Three Liturgical Improvisations) - George Oldroyd (1948)

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Minister

Rev. Ian Mackay has been an ordained Minister of the United Church for 50 years having served pastorates in northern Manitoba (Flin Flon), south-western Ontario (London and Chatham), eastern Ontario (Edith Rankin Memorial, 1983-1993) and Montreal (St. Lambert, 1994-2010). In their retirement years, he and his wife Jane live near Verona where they regularly attend and offer services to Trinity United Church. They have 3 sons and 3 grandchildren. Two of the families live on the west coast, in the Seattle area and in New Westminster, and their youngest son lives in Halifax. This, alone can keep them active, travelling to both sides of the country! They also enjoy cycling, but only for much shorter distances and close to home!

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

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