

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

REV. DR. DON MISENER

"PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS 2023"

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 - H. Pachulski

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

The lands on which we are gathering today are the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of the Huron-Wendat, Metis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We deeply respect the many generations of people who have cared for this land and whose spiritualities, teachings and ways of knowing are closely tied to it. We seek to build right relations with these Peoples, to learn from them and to live together on this land with respect and gratitude.

The Land Acknowledgment in the Bulletin today was composed by our Joint Truth and Reconciliation Group with input from members of Chalmers, Sydenham Street and Faith United Churches. Bruce Elliott is the current Chalmers representative on JTRAG.

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: This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

All: This is the place where the prophets cry out for peace, for justice and righteousness.

One: It is the place where God reaches into the corners of our lives to offer us the mystery of holy love.

**All: This is no ordinary gathering,
This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

As we gather in this place encircle us with Your love.
Bless us with Your sustaining presence as we ponder the world in
which we live.
Surround us with Your grace as we open our eyes to see more
clearly the challenges we face.
Draw us together as we ponder your Word to us,
And bind us to one another as disciples of Christ,
whose empowering Spirit is a security we can trust. Amen.

HYMN VU 135 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand:
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and the burden of the day.

2 Upon the cross of Jesus
my eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one
who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart with tears
two wonders I confess,
the wonder of his glorious love,
and my unworthiness.

3 I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: 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

Psalm 46

VU page 770

(sung)

Refrain 2:

A mighty fortress is our God, a Bulwark never failing.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should quake,
and the mountains fall into the depths of the sea,
**though the waters of the sea rage and foam,
and the mountains tremble at the tumult. R**

There is a river, whose streams make glad the city of God,
sanctifying the dwelling of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.

God will help at the break of day.

Nations are in tumult, empires are shaken;
for God speaks and the earth melts away. R

Come and see what God has done,
the wonders wrought upon on the earth.
**God makes wars to cease in all the world,
God breaks the bow and snaps the spear,
and burns the shields in the fire.**

Be still and know that I am God;
exalted among the nations, exalted in the earth.

The God of Hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. R

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Acts 1: 6 - 14

John 17: 18 - 24

Ephesians 6: 11 - 12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 173 *Thine is the Glory*

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raimen rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.

Refrain:

**Thine is the glory, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. **R**

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **R**

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Don Misener

Principalities and Powers 2023

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

HYMN VU 543 *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your 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 202 *O Breath of Life*

- 1 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.
- 2 O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then, in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore -- for this we plead.
- 3 O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

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COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

When you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care

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POSTLUDE

Fugue in e minor BWV 533 - J.S. Bach

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Rev Dr Don Misener

Born and raised on a farm near Brantford, Ontario in 1943 Don has ministered in a variety of settings including Kingston Pen, St Paul's Hospital and College of Emmanuel and St Chad in Saskatoon, Kingston Institute of Pastoral Care and congregations in eastern Ontario. In all of these settings he has taught a ministry of spiritual care. He is currently providing an interim pastoral care ministry to Chalmers shut ins and at Zion United Church. Don is married to Bonnie who has co-taught pastoral and spiritual care with him. They are parents of 3 boys and grandparents of 9.

Co-Liturgist	Linda Steinberg
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers Choir
Reader	Barb Fletcher
Media Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung
Refreshments	Heather Faris, Barb & Al Fletcher
Counters	n/a

After the service:

you are invited to share in refreshments and fellowship.

Flowers in the Sanctuary
have been placed in Loving Memory of my Father,
John Manning,
on behalf of his daughter, Margot





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Please send announcements by end of day Monday, or late editions by end of day Tuesday for inclusion the following Sunday.

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/UCUgl1tZaiRji18sFwjzP2Q>

The link for Chalmers YouTube channel can also be found on the home page of the Chalmers website www.chalmersunitedchurch.org

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