

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

REV. DR. PAUL G. CURRIE

" IF / WHEN / AS, THE SPIRIT MOVES ... "

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.
3. 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.
4. Social distancing still continues in the sanctuary and MacCallum Hall.

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Angela Stewart, Aurora Dokken

Andante Cantabile from Sonata for Organ, Four Hands - C. David Cameron

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.

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

HYMN VU 202 *O Breath of Life*

1. sung first by the choir
2. then sung by everyone

O Breath of life,
come sweeping through us,
Revive your church
with life and pow'r;
O Breath of Life,
come, cleanse, renew us,
And fit your church
to meet this hour.

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CENTERING PRAYER

One: Perplexing, Pentecostal God, You infuse us with your Spirit, urging us to vision and dream.

All: **May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed into discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. Amen.**

HYMN VU 385 *Spirit Divine, Attend our Prayers*

1 Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
and make this house your home;
descend with all your gracious powers:
O come, great Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light: to us reveal
our emptiness and woe;
and lead us in those paths of life
where all the righteous go.

3 Come as the wind: sweep clean away
what dead within us lies,
and search and freshen all our souls
with living energies.

4 Come as the fire and purge our hearts
like sacrificial flame;
let our whole soul an offering be
to our Redeemer's name.

5 Spirit divine, attend our prayers;
make a lost world your home;
descend with all your gracious powers,
O come, great Spirit, come!

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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.

READING

Acts 2: 1 - 4

Margo Craft

1 Corinthians 12: 3b - 13

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Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 389 *God is Here*

1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 God of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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SERMON

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COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

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, 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 and
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN VU 375 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

Refrain:

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro; the wilderness calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness
Wind, Wind on the sea**

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **R**

2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. **R**

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **R**

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. **R**

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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

Aurora Dokken

Fugue in G, BWV 572 - J.S. Bach

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Rev. Dr. Paul G. Currie Paul is no stranger to the Chalmers Community. His roots here go back to singing in the Bass Section of the Choir in the seventies. His calling in ministry has included both St. Matthews and Edith Rankin Memorial here in Kingston, along with pastorates in Manitoba and elsewhere in Ontario. Paul resides in Bath with his wife Debbie.

Reader Margo Craft

Co-Liturgist Linda Steinberg

Organist Aurora Dokken, Angela Stewart

Hymn Singers Members of Chalmers Choir

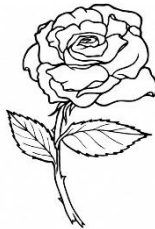
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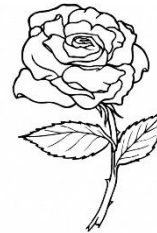
Counters Murray Anderson, Jan Trites

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

Flowers in the Sanctuary have been placed in Loving Memory of
Jane MacEwen's



*mother,
father,
brother,
sister-in-law, Camilla,
Fred,
Harry,
Freja and
Jane's beloved daughter, Marie.*





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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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