

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

REV. DR. NADENE GRIEVE-DESLIPPE

"WHERE IS THE GOOD NEWS?"

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.
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Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude on hymn tune "Belmont" - arr. by Henry V. Gerike

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

One: Sometimes the Word of God is like a warm blanket on a chilly night, that comforts and calms.
Sometimes the Word of God is filled with challenge and can feel like a sweater that scratches and demands our attention.
In worship we seek to be empowered to hear the demands and challenges of the gospel and equipped to live as servants and agents.

All: Let us worship in humility.

CENTERING PRAYER

Loving God, who called sinners and tax collectors to be followers and disciples, remind us again of who we are and to whom we belong. Strengthen us and encourage so that we might be known as sons and daughters of God and brothers and sisters of Christ. Open our eyes and hearts to the demands of the gospel and bless us with new insight and commitment. God bless us, so that we might be a blessing. Amen.

HYMN VU 703 *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

1 In the bulb there is a flower,
in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season
something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future,
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory.
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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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

Matthew 10: 24 - 39

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 593 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Refrain:

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.**

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. **R**

2 Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away. **R**

3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all are neighbours to us and you. **R**

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. **R**

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

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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 God, 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 394 *Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move* tune: Forest Green

1 Moved by the Gospel, let us move
with every gift and art.
The image of creative love
indwells each human heart.
The Maker calls creation good,
so let us now express
with sound and colour, stone and wood,
the shape of holiness.

2 Let weavers form from broken strands
a tapestry of prayer.
Let artists paint with skilful hands
their joy, lament, and care.
Then mime the story: Christ has come.
With reverence dance the word.

With flute and organ, ching and drum
God's praise be ever heard.

3 O Spirit, breathe among us here;
inspire the work we do.
May hands and voices, eye and ear
attest to life made new.
In worship and in daily strife
create among us still.
Great Artist, form our common life
according to your will.

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BENEDICTION

One: God bless your ministry and use you to make the community stronger, kinder and more committed. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer remain upon you now and always. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go on your way with Joy, my Friends

"Go on your way in joy, my friends!

Go on your way in joy, my friends!

Go on your way in joy, my friends!

Let your left foot say 'Glory!'

and your right say, 'Amen!'"

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POSTLUDE

Prelude (from Six Pieces) - Alfred Redhead (b. 1855)

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

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Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

Nadene was born and raised in Hamilton. She did her undergraduate work at McMaster and studied theology at Queen's. She completed a Doctor of Ministry at McMaster Divinity College. She has served pastorates in Manitoba and Eastern Ontario and retired on September 30, 2020 from Cooke's-Portsmouth Church, Kingston. She is married to Michael and they have three living daughters and are proud grandparents to three grandchildren.

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