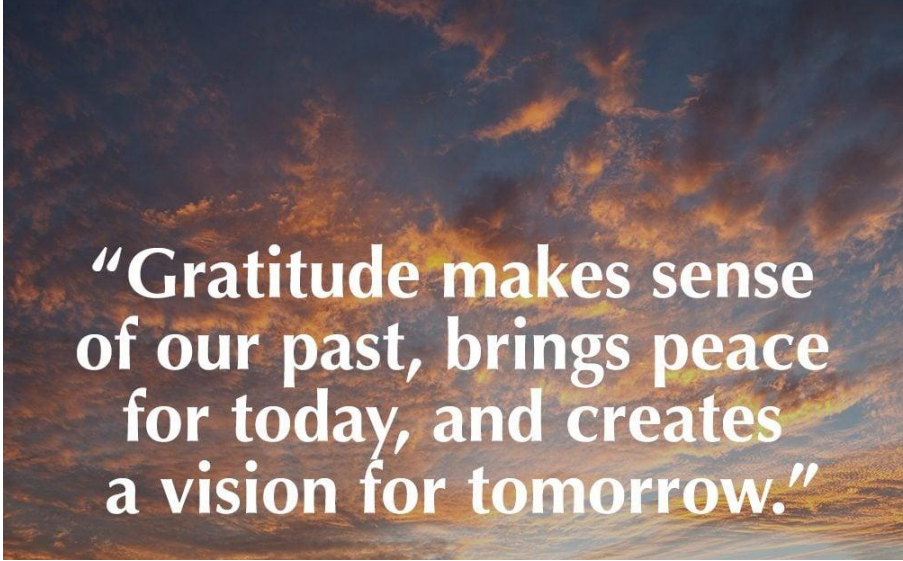


TRI-CHURCH SERVICE
WITH CHALMERS,
SYDENHAM STREET AND FAITH UNITED CHURCHES



**“Gratitude makes sense
of our past, brings peace
for today, and creates
a vision for tomorrow.”**

10 AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

REV. JOHN SUK

“NOSTALGIA”

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

Rhosymedre – Ralph Vaughan Williams

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 256 *O God Beyond All Praising*

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessing without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
- 2 The flower of earthly splendour in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you our God most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown,
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.

3 Then, hear O gracious Saviour, this song of praise we sing.
May we, who know your favour, our humble service bring;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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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.

READING

Psalm 61

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. John Suk

Nostalgia

HYMN VU 266 *Amazing Grace*

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

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COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

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 333 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol – Healey Willan

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

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

TRI-CHURCH SHARED SUMMER SERVICES

We will worship jointly with Faith and Sydenham Street United Churches
for summer services.

Faith United: Aug 13, 27 at 10 am

Lake Ontario Park: Aug.20 at 10:30 am

Sunday, August 13:

10 am @ Faith United Church

Worship leader: Rev. Catherine Elsdon

Sermon: *Ruth & Naomi* (Ruth 1:1-19)

meeting inside LaSalle Secondary School, 773 Hwy 15, Kingston, ON (enter
through main front doors with parking in front, or,
if parking behind the building, enter through service entrance)

Sunday, August 20:

Ecumenical Outdoor Worship Service

10:30 am @ Lake Ontario Park, 920 King St W.

Shared worship leadership:

Rev. Susan McAllister preaching.

Come to Lake Ontario Park and join with other local United, Anglican,
Lutheran and Presbyterian churches for an uplifting outdoor worship
service under the pavilion at Lake Ontario Park. Rain or shine. Bring a
bagged lunch and stay for a picnic afterwards!

Sunday, August 27:

10 am @ Faith United Church, meeting inside LaSalle Sec. School,
773 Hwy 15, (enter through main front doors with parking in front, or,
if parking behind the building, enter through service entrance)

Worship leader: Rev. Catherine Elsdon



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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.

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