

# TRI-CHURCH SERVICE



WITH CHALMERS,  
SYDENHAM STREET AND FAITH UNITED CHURCHES

10 AM

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

REV. JOHN SUK

"UNTIL WISDOM AND COMPASSION EMBRACE"

## 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

Elegy - Malcolm Archer

### 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 416 *Forth in Your Name*

1 Forth in your name, O Christ, we go,  
our daily labour to pursue,  
you, only you, resolved to know  
in all we think, or speak, or do.

2 The task your wisdom has assigned  
here let us cheerfully fulfil;  
in all our works your presence find,  
and prove your good and perfect will.

3 You may we set at our right hand,  
whose eyes our inmost secrets view,  
and labour on at your command  
and offer all our works to you.

4 Help us to bear your easy yoke,  
in every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to that glorious day.

5 Then with delight may we employ  
all that your bounteous grace has given,  
and run our earthly course with joy,  
and closely walk with you to heaven.

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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

Mark 6: 30 - 34

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. John Suk

*Until Wisdom and Compassion Embrace*

**HYMN VU 273** *The King of Love*

1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

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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 288**    *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**1** Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest now, the compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**  
**all I have needed thy hand hath provided –**  
**great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

**2** Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.    **R**

**3** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.    **R**

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Prelude in e minor* - J.S. Bach

BWV 555

## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

**Rev. Dr. John Suk** is the recently retired minister of Lawrence Park Community Church (UCC) in Toronto. Before that he had a varied career as a minister, journalist, seminary professor, and president of the Institute for Christian Studies—a graduate school of philosophy affiliated with the Toronto School of Theology. John is the author of *Not Sure: A Pastor's Journey from Faith to Doubt*. (Eerdmans: Grand Rapids, 2011). He is married to Irene Oudyk-Suk, has two married children, and three grands. Irene is a practicing Couples Therapist. They live in Millhaven.

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Reader</b>       | Janice Moncrieff                  |
| <b>Co-Liturgist</b> | Linda Steinberg                   |
| <b>Organist</b>     | Juliet Milsome                    |
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| <b>Refreshments</b> | Janice Moncrieff                  |
| <b>Counters</b>     | Murray Anderson, Jan Trites       |

**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.

Chalmers United: July 30 and Aug 6 at 10 am

Faith United: Aug 13, 27 at 10 am

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

#### **Sunday, August 6:**

**10 am @ Chalmers UC**

Worship leader: Rev. Dr. John Suk

Sermon: *Nostalgia* (Matthew 13: 24-30)

#### **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.

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, inside LaSalle Sec. School, 773 Hwy 15**

Worship leader: Rev. Catherine Elsdon



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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/UCUgl1tZaiRji18sFwj2P2Q>

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