

## CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10, 2023

REV. DR. NADENE GRIEVE-DESLIPPE

"IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED"

### 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

*Siciliano* - John Alcock jr. (1740-1791)

### 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: We have gathered together in community as members of the body of Christ.

**All: We sing, pray, laugh, talk and grow in faith through the strong bonds of community.**

One: This congregation has experienced pangs of labour so that a new vision can be birthed, nurtured and thrive.

**All: In worship we acknowledge our mistakes as well as our hopes and dreams for the future. May this experience ground us and empower us to act in the name of Christ. Let us worship in honesty and humility.**

### CENTERING PRAYER

Holy One, who has created and who continues to create, be a midwife and enable us to give birth to a fresh, new creation. Saving One, who challenged his followers to act with love, integrity and commitment, enable us to be as Christ to one another. Present One, who remains among us to call us to accountability and to both seek and proffer forgiveness, enable us to act as servants and agents of the gospel. Holy One, Saving One, Present One bless us now and always. Amen.

**HYMN**    **VU 395**    *Come In, Come In and Sit Down (Part of the Family)*

**Refrain:**

**Come in, come in and sit down  
you are a part of the family.**

**We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.**

**1** You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family.    **R**

**2** God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace,  
for we are a part of the family.    **R**

**3** There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,  
but we are a part of the family.    **R**

**4** There's rest for the weary and health for us all;  
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.  
So come in and worship and answer the call,  
for we're a part of the family.    **R**

Words and Music: James K. Manley 1984 alt. arr. Darryl Nixon 1987  
© 1984 James K. Manley arr. © 1987 Songs for a Gospel People  
Used by Permission Used by permission. #A715424 OneLicense.net

## 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 18: 15 - 20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN **VU 427** *To Show by Touch and Word*

**1** To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,  
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,  
we need, O God, the will to find  
the good you had of old in mind.

**2** Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,  
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.  
For every challenge that we face  
we need your guidance and your grace.

**3** Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,  
and let our lives portray your word in human form.  
Now come with us that we may have  
your wits about us where we live.

Words: John Ellerton 1866, Music: Edward John Hopkins 1869  
Used by permission. #A715424 OneLicense.net

### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

*If At First You Don't Succeed*

## COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

### OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

#### DOXOLOGY

**HYMN VU 540** *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.

Words: anonymous Music: attrib. Christian F. Witt, Psalmodia ASacra1713, adapt.  
Henry John Gauntlett 1861  
Used by permission. #A715424 OneLicense.net

#### 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 594** *O Christian, Love*

**1** O Christian, love your sister and your brother!  
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;  
to worship rightly is to love each other  
each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

**2** Follow with reverent steps the great example:  
Jesus whose holy work was doing good;  
so shall the wide earth seem a hallowed temple,  
each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

**3** Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangour  
of wild war-music o'er the earth shall cease;  
love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,  
and in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier 1848, alt. Music: Alfred Scott-Gatty 1902  
Used by permission. #A715424 OneLicense.net

#### **BENEDICTION**

**One:** God bless your going out as your coming in. May the triune God be  
your companion and guide until you gather together again in  
community.

**All:** **Grace, joy and peace be ours this day and always. Amen.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Liturgical Improvisation No. 1*

(from Three Liturgical Improvisations) - George Oldroyd

## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

### **Minister**

#### **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.

### **Reader**

Janice Moncrieff

### **Co-Liturgist**

Linda Steinberg

### **Organist**

Juliet Milsome

### **Media Techs**

Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung

### **Refreshments**

Heather Faris, Janice Moncrieff

### **Counters**

Murray Anderson, Mike Hartlin

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



**To submit materials for the bulletin** please use:  
bulletin@chalmersunitedchurch.com and Linda  
Steinberg hpsesp14@gmail.com.

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/UCUgl1tZaiRji18sFwjizPzQ>

The link for Chalmers YouTube channel can also be found on the home page of the Chalmers website  
[www.chalmersunitedchurch.org](http://www.chalmersunitedchurch.org)

**After the service,** you are invited to share refreshments and conversation.

#### **Chalmers United Church**

212 Barrie St. Kingston, K7L 3K3

**t** 613-546-3263 x 221

**e** office@chalmersunitedchurch.com

**w** [www.chalmersunitedchurch.com](http://www.chalmersunitedchurch.com)

The Rev. David King, Chalmers' Administrator

**e** david@narrowgate.ca