

## CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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"JOYFUL THANKSGIVING"

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### 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 not 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

*Harvest Carol* - Rev. F.A.J. Hervey

### 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: The psalmist declares,  
"O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me. Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my exceeding joy."  
With grateful hearts we come to the altar of God and lift up our hearts with the light and truth of God's love in Christ shining brightly before us.

#### HYMN VU 37 *Gloria*

Gloria, gloria,  
in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria,  
alleluia, alleluia!

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Bless God for the good land we have been given.  
Praise God who crowns the year with abundance.
- All: We are thankful for the bounty we have enjoyed.  
God has been good to us all through the year.**
- One: God chooses to love us and draw us near.  
God invites us to enjoy the good that is all around us.
- All: We are grateful for food, shelter and family.  
God enriches our lives with many blessings.**
- One: Let us renew our vows to God in this hour.  
May thanksgiving overflow with acts of kindness.
- All: We are here to remember and give thanks.  
We have come to listen to God's word.**

### PRAYER FOR THE THANKSGIVING SEASON

- All: Generous God, you are present in all times and places; capture our attention in this time and place. Open our eyes to see the wonders you provide. Open our ears to hear your commandments and statutes. Open our hearts to care deeply about people in need, whatever that need might be. Awaken our generosity that we may be inspired to helpful action. Open our mouths to shout and sing together for joy, sharing the good news of your saving and redeeming love. Amen.**

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**HYMN VU 516** *Come, You Thankful People Come*

- 1** Come, you thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home!  
All is safely gathered in,  
safe before the storms begin;  
God, our maker, does provide  
for our needs to be supplied:  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home!
- 2** All the world is God's own field,  
harvests for God's praise to yield;  
wheat and weeds together sown,  
here for joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
Harvest-giver, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For our God, one day, shall come,  
and shall take this harvest home,  
from the field shall in that day  
all offences purge away;  
giving angels charge at last  
in the fire the weeds to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in the garner evermore.

4 Even so, God, quickly come  
to your final harvest-home!  
Gather all your people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there for ever purified,  
in your presence to abide:  
come, with all your angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home.

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## A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All: O God, you crown the world with your goodness. May we who  
have been blessed give thanks always, sharing from the  
abundance that is ours. In all the earth, may we recognize your  
gifts and treat them with reverence. Amen.**

### READING

**HYMN VU 850** Psalm 126 *responsive refrain 2*

Joel 2: 21 – 27

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN VU 227** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

**1** For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

**2** In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

**3** For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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**SERMON**

Rev. Ian Mackay

*Joyful Thanksgiving*

**COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE**

**OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

tune: Sandon 842

As we receive life's bounty day by day, give thanks to God.  
As you deliver meaning on your way, give thanks to God.  
Offer first fruits of all that you possess,  
Remembering God's gracious faithfulness.  
Worship with gladness; make a joyful noise, give thanks to God.  
Join in the hearty singing God enjoys, give thanks to God.  
For God is good and we are here to praise  
The One whose steadfast love surrounds our days.

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**All:** O God, we have bread, so we will share. We have water, so we will give to dig wells for others. We have faith, so we will share this good news. This sacred moment of giving acknowledges your reign and your rule in the world. We seek to be caring and responsible and grateful. Thank you, loving God, for all that you have done for us. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Send us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**HYMN VU 519** *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*      *tune: Lancashire VU 421*

**1** Sing to the Lord of harvest,  
sing songs of love and praise,  
with joyful hearts and voices  
your hallelujahs raise;  
by whom the rolling seasons  
in fruitful order move;  
sing to the Lord of harvest  
a joyous song of love.

**2** God makes the clouds drop fatness,  
the deserts bloom and spring,  
the hills leap up in gladness,  
the valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them all with fullness,  
all things with large increase;  
and crowns the year with goodness,  
with plenty and with peace.

3 Bring to this sacred altar  
all things God's goodness gave,  
the golden sheaves of harvest,  
the souls Christ died to save:  
your hearts lay down before him  
when at his feet you fall,  
and with your lives adore him  
who gave his life for all.

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### **BENEDICTION**

#### **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**HYMN VU 477** *I Come with Joy*

5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

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### **POSTLUDE**

*Festival March* - A.W. Leupold

## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

**Rev. Ian R. Mackay** has been an ordained Minister of the United Church for 50 years having served pastorates in northern Manitoba (Flin Flon), south-western Ontario (London and Chatham), eastern Ontario (Edith Rankin Memorial, 1983-1993) and Montreal (St. Lambert, 1994-2010). In their retirement years, he and his wife Jane live near Verona where they regularly attend and offer services to Trinity United Church. They have 3 sons and 3 grandchildren. Two of the families live on the west coast, in the Seattle area and in New Westminster, and their youngest son lives in Halifax. This, alone can keep them active, travelling to both sides of the country! They also enjoy cycling, but only for much shorter distances and close to home!

<b>Reader</b>	Janice Moncrieff
<b>Co-Liturgist</b>	Linda Steinberg
<b>Organist</b>	Juliet Milsome
<b>Hymn Singers</b>	Members of Chalmers Choir
<b>Media Techs</b>	Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung
<b>Refreshments</b>	Heather Faris, Janice Moncrieff

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



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