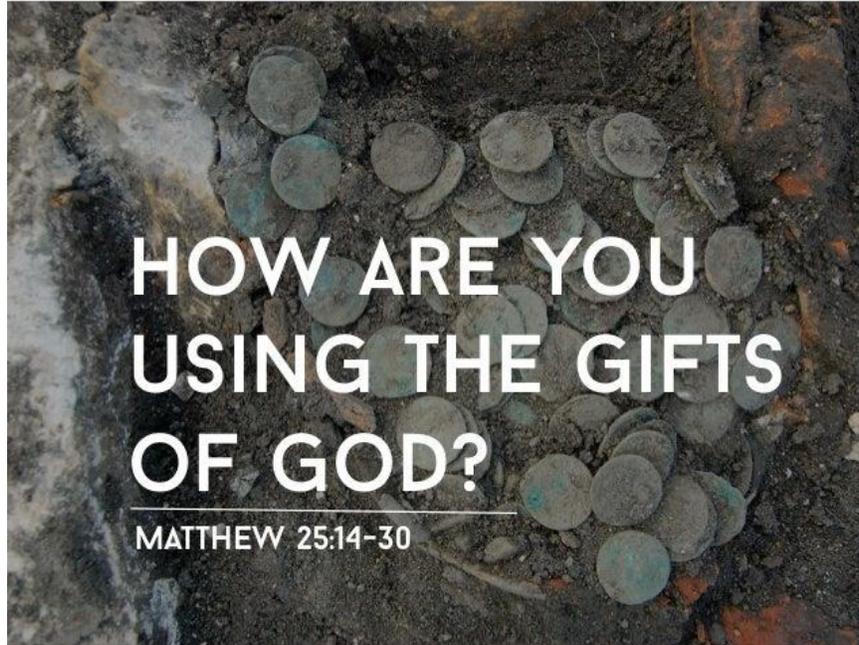


## CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, NOV. 19, 2023 10:30 AM

REV. DR. NADENE GRIEVE-DESLIPPE

"USE IT OR LOSE IT"

### 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

*Chorale Prelude on a Melody* - Orlando Gibbons  
*(Giver of the Perfect Gift* - Healey Willan)

### 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.**

#### HYMN VU 37 *Gloria*

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

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sometimes the word of God is pleasing to our ears and affirming to the soul. Sometimes it appears harsh and causes us to gulp in response.

All: **As we ponder the inspired word today from the pages of Matthew may our eyes and ears be open to new truths. Let us worship with open hearts and minds.**

### CENTERING PRAYER

**All:** Loving God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, remove from us all barriers that impede the flow of grace. Touch and inspire us by your present and Holy Spirit, so that we may be empowered for the living in these challenging times. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

**HYMN VU 218** *We Praise You, O God*

**1** We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

**2** We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,  
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

**3** With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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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 25: 14 - 30

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN VU 699** *Live Into Hope*

**1** Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God's own jubilee!

**2** Live into hope the blind shall see  
with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear,  
a vision of our God brought near.

**3** Live into hope of liberty,  
the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread,  
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

**4** Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

*Use It Or Lose It*

**COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE**

**OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**DOXOLOGY**

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

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

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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 264** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

- 1** Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2** Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3** To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
- 4** Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would we render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

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### BENEDICTION

The Lord bless and keep you in all ways and in all things this day and always. Amen.

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

**HYMN VU 424** *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

**1** May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

**Refrain:**

Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

**2** May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

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### POSTLUDE

*Plein Jeu* - Jean Adam Guilain

early 18th century

## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

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



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