

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, NOV. 26, 2023 10:30 AM

REV. DR. NADENE GRIEVE-DESLIPPE

"HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT"

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

Amazing Grace

(based on tune *Arlington* - Thomas Arne) arr. Robert Hughes

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: What does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

All: **Attune our senses to your nearness, so that we may walk in the path that you would have us walk; loving our brothers and sisters in your name.**

CENTERING PRAYER

All: Loving God, open our eyes so that we may see you hiding in plain sight as marginalized and needing persons. Enable us to respond to need as Christ modeled, with faith and compassion. And may we act as your servants not for reward, but because we have been called to do so. Lord bless us so that we might be a blessing. Amen.

HYMN VU 213 *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore:

Refrain:

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above. **R**

3 God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given. **R**

4 Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the Judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home:
We then shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Words: Charles Wesley 1746, alt.

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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: 31 - 46

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 266 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

- 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.
- 5** When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

Hiding in Plain Sight

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.

Words: anonymous Music: attrib. Christian F. Witt, Psalmodia Sacra 1715,
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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 211 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

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BENEDICTION

One: Go into the world to be as Christ to one another. May all you do be
done in love and to glorify the One in whose image we have been
made.

All: **May our feet take us into those places most in need of light and
love and to God be the glory now and always. Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go On Your Way in Joy my Friends Hosanna #84

Go on your way in joy, my friends.
Go on your way in joy, my friends.
Go on your way in joy, my friends.
Let your left foot say glory and your right say Amen.

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POSTLUDE

Processional - John Stanley (arr. David Cameron)

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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