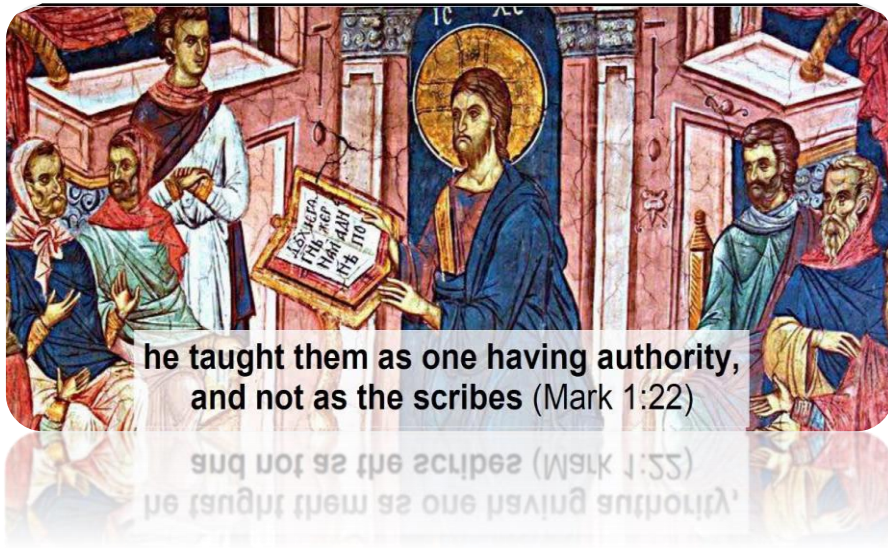


## CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM

SUNDAY, JAN. 28, 2024

REV. DR. NADENE GRIEVE-DESLIPPE

"NOT AS THE SCRIBES"

### 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 is encouraged in the sanctuary and MacCallum Hall.

**Bold Text** indicates the parts that everyone reads together.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

from *Chaconne in F minor* - Johann Pachelbel

### 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 82** *A Light Is Gleaming*

Refrain only

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
throughout the night, living in the light.  
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love  
is burning bright, living in the light.**

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have gathered together to wrestle with the Word of God and to find meaning and an application for our day and age.

**All: May we worship together in humility and openness and be open to new and deeper insights. Lord bless us with engaging spirits, curious minds and faithful hearts.**

### CENTERING PRAYER

**All:** Loving God, you touch our lives with mystery and hope. Help us to be open to your Word and to wrestle to find meaning in the texts that sometimes seem distant from our modern-day sensibilities. Touch and inspire us, O God, for we humbly ask through Christ the King. Amen

**HYMN VU 334** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

**1** All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

bring forth the royal diadem,

**Refrain:** and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.

**2** O seed of Israel's chosen race

now ransomed from the fall,

hail him who saves you by his grace **R**

**3** Crown him, you martyrs of your God,

who from his altar call;

praise him whose way of pain you trod, **R**

**4** Let every tongue and every tribe,

responsive to the call,

to him all majesty ascribe **R**

**5** O that, with all the sacred throng,

we at his feet may fall,

join in the everlasting song, **R**

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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 to hear afresh your Word to  
us today.  
Amen.

#### READING

Mark 1: 21 - 28

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN VU 344** *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes the sorrows, heals the wounds,  
and drives away all fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.
- 3 Dear Name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace.
- 4 Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.
- 5 The effort of my heart is weak,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see you whom I seek,  
I'll praise you as I ought.

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**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

*Not as the Scribes*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE  
OFFERING AND OFFERTORY DEDICATION  
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:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your 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,  
the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

**HYMN VU 688** *O Day of God Draw Nigh*

**1** O day of God, draw nigh  
in beauty and in power,  
come with your timeless judgement now  
to match our present hour.

**2** Bring to our troubled minds,  
uncertain and afraid,  
the quiet of a steadfast faith,  
calm of a call obeyed

**3** Bring justice to our land,  
that all may dwell secure,  
and finely build for days to come  
foundations that endure.

4 Bring to our world of strife  
your sovereign word of peace,  
that war may haunt the earth no more  
and desolation cease.

5 O day of God, draw nigh  
as at creation's birth;  
let there be light again, and set  
your judgements in the earth.

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### COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

One: The grace of Christ attend you; the love of God surround you, and  
the power of the Holy Spirit keep you this day and always. Amen.

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

**HYMN MV 209** *Go, Make a Difference* refrain only  
**Go, make a difference.**  
**We can make a difference.**  
**Go make a difference in the world.**  
**Go make a difference.**  
**We can make a difference.**  
**Go make a difference in the world.**

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### POSTLUDE

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

(tune Miles Lane by Wm. Shrubsole) arr. Percy Wicker MacDonald

## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

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