

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 10:30 AM

REV. NADENE GRIEVE-DESLIPPE

"FROM TRIUMPH TO TRAGEDY"

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

Lascia ch'io Pianga - G.F. Handel

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.**

READING OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Mark 11: 1-11

HYMN VU 122 *All Glory Laud and Honour*

Refrain:

**All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

1 You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and blessed one. **R**

2 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present: **R**

3 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. **R**

4 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious king. **R**

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INVOCATION

All: Holy One, we begin our worship reminded that Jesus was welcomed and cheered as a Saviour and hero. We acknowledge that life can sometimes be celebratory and sometimes lonely and challenging. Be with us in good times and in challenging times. Saving One, we are reminded of how quickly the tide can turn; the once popular, becoming the despised and rejected. We remember the times when we have felt misunderstood and marginalized and recall your nearness. Present One, who remains among us to steady and support throughout the highs and lows of life and living, attune our senses to your wisdom and encouragement. Holy One, Saving One, Present One bless us now and always. Amen.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

Mark 14:1-11 The Plot to Kill Jesus

HYMN VU 138 *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Choir Only v. 1

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
that we to judge you have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected,
O most afflicted.

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Mark 14: 12-31 Passover, The Lord's Supper Peter's Promise

HYMN VU 144 *Were You There*

Choir Only v. 1

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
(Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
(Were you there?)

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Mark 14: 32-50 Gethsemane, Betrayal, Arrest

HYMN VU 133 *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Choir Only v. 1

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
you that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see,
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away:
learn from him to watch and pray.

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Mark 14: 53-65 Jesus Before the High Priest

HYMN VU 136 *O Come and Mourn with Me* Choir Only v. 1 **1** **O**

come and mourn with me awhile;
O come now to the Saviour's side;
O come, together let us mourn:
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.

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Mark 14:66-72 Peter's Denial

HYMN VU 143 *My Song is Love Unknown* Choir Only v. 1

1 My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

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Mark 15: 1-15 Jesus Before Pilate

HYMN VU 134 *Shadows Gather, Deep and Cold* Choir Only v. 1

1 Shadows gather, deep and cold;
lamplight flickers, fades and fails,
Lord, you know what daybreak holds:
thorns and beatings, cross and nails.
You will be denied, betrayed
when the rooster wakes the sun.
Yet you kneel alone and pray,
"Not my will, but thine be done."

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Mark 15:16-39 Crucifixion and Death

HYMN VU 145 *O Sacred Head* Choir Only v. 1 & 2

1 O sacred head, sore wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown: how art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn; how does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!	2 Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the cruel pain. Lo, here I fall, my Saviour, turn not from me thy face; but look on me with favour, and grant to me thy grace.
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Mark 15: 40-47 The Burial
ANTHEM *God So Loved the World*

SERMON

Rev. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe
From Triumph to Tragedy

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT AND OFFERTORY DEDICATION

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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adapt. Henry John Gauntlett 1861
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HYMN VU 457 *As We Gather at Your Table*

v. 1 & 2

1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND RAISING THE CHALICE

INVITATION

SHARING THE EUCHARIST

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you, God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here may remain always in our hearts. Grant that ours may be the faith which issues in action: through Christ our Lord, Amen.

HYMN VU 457 *As We Gather at Your Table*

v. 3

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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BENEDICTION

May God steady your footsteps as you make your way through Holy Week. May you experience the triumphs and the tragedy of Christ's passion in meaningful and awe-inspiring ways. In the waving of palms and in the pounding of the nails, you are never alone. Amen

POSTLUDE

Prelude in e minor - J.S. Bach

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Rev. 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.

Co-Liturgist	Linda Steinberg
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers Choir
Media Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung
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Counter	Gerald McGrath
After the service	you are invited to share in refreshments and fellowship at the back of the Sanctuary.



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the following Sunday.

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later to the same channel.

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Flowers in the Sanctuary are in Loving Memory of

Edmund (Ed) Hartlin

by Muriel (Mike) and family



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