

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

REV. ERIN BURNS

“FIND YOUR PEACE”

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

Pianist, Rita Kang

Sonata No. 9 in D Major, K. 311 - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. 2nd movement

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 (*responsive*)

From Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for the United Church of Canada

One: This is the season of Easter:

All: **The celebration of resurrection**

One: The festival of hope

All: **The promise of new beginnings**

One: The dance of faith

All: **The song of joy**

One: The music of gladness

All: **The hymn of love**

One: Let us worship our live-giving God!

CENTERING PRAYER

A Prayer in Times of Chaos by Rev Katie Black from the book
We Pray With Her: Encouragement for All Women Who Lead

**All: Make my heart and my feet be still, O Rock and Redeemer.
The world around me continues in chaos - I cannot claim control
over it. Instead, remind me of the breath of life that flows in
me. In and out, in and out, in and out, continuously.
O Rock and Redeemer, you are here. Within me. Around me.
Always. Thank you. Amen.**

HYMN VU 395 *Come In, Come In and Sit Down (Part of the Family)*

Refrain:

**Come in, come in and sit down
you are a part of the family.**

**We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. **R**

2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. **R**

3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. **R**

4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we're a part of the family. **R**

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

GATHERING AROUND THE STORY: TIME FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION

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.

READINGS

Luke 24:36b – 43

NRSV

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Erin Burns

Find Your Peace

HYMN MV 135 *Called by Earth and Sky*

Refrain: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

1 Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again. **R**

2 Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace. **R**

3 Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song. **R**

4 Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one. **R**

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COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE
OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT AND OFFERTORY DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

HYMN VU 577 *I've Got Peace like a River*

- 1 I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul! **2X**
- 2 I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean, in-a my soul **2X**
- 3 I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain, in-a my soul **2X**
- 4 I've got peace like a river, I've got love like an ocean
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul! **2X**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU page 916 *Prayer of Jesus, a Paraphrase*

Eternal Spirit, Earth Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all, loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Voices United, 1988 Jim Cotter

HYMN MV 145 *Draw the Circle Wide*

**Refrain: Draw the circle wide,
Draw the circle wider still.
Let this be our song,
no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
Draw the circle wide.**

1 God the still point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. **R**

2 Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. **R**

3 Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **R**

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COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

One: *A Prayer of Blessing to Be Who You Are* by Rev Kerry L. Greenhill
from the book *We Pray with Her: Encouragement for All Women Who Lead*

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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POSTLUDE

Allegretto - G.B. Martini, arr. Carlo Rossini

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Rev. Erin Burns (she/her), **Interfaith Chaplain, Director Faith and Spiritual Life** Queen's University Faith and Spiritual Life

Erin is an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada and is currently the Interfaith Chaplain at Queen's University. In her work, Erin has always focused on community, connection and creativity. With an emphasis on the Spiritual Dimensions of Mental Health, her background includes congressional ministry, creative arts programming for people who identify as Spiritual But Not Religious, and crisis response.

She enjoys working with people to explore how spirituality and faith adapt and change, and wrestling with how traditions and practices with ancient roots can hold relevancy and importance in modern times. She is passionate about intergenerational connections, mental health supports, and food security.

Erin is a visual and fibre artist (always knitting through meetings), an enthusiastic vegetable gardener, and recently built a herb labyrinth in her suburban front yard. She enjoys reading cozy mysteries and books with dragons. Living in a constant state of community she is the mum of two wonderful red-headed children, two wild kittens and two backyard chickens.

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| Co-Liturgist | Linda Steinberg |
| Organist | Juliet Milsome |
| Pianist | Rita Kang |
| Hymn Singers | Members of Chalmers Choir |
| Media Techs | Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung |
| Reader | Doug Arrand |
| Refreshments | Jane MacEwen |
| Counter | Heather Faris |
| After the service | you are invited to share in refreshments, cupcakes and fellowship in MacCallum Hall this week to celebrate April birthdays. |



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or late additions by end of day Tuesday for inclusion
the following Sunday.

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live-streamed** on Chalmers' YouTube channel. The
service will also be posted later to the same channel.
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