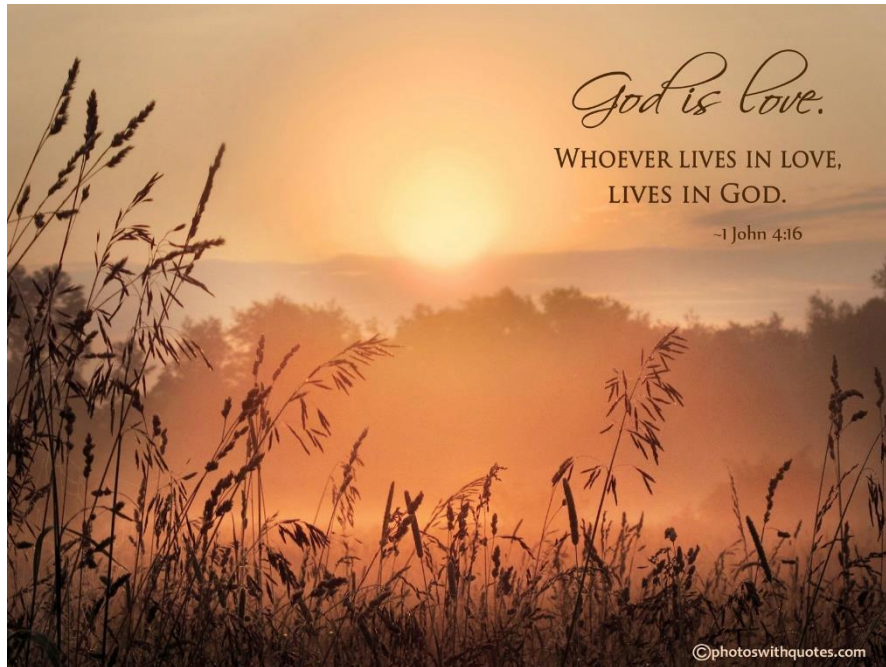


CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

REV. DR. JEREMEY MCCLUNG

"LOST, FOUND, AND REPEAT"

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

Herr Jesu Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend - J. S. Bach

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

Psalm 103:1-12

CENTERING PRAYER

All: **God of immeasurable mercy, we ask that you would be here with us as we gather today. Open the eyes of our hearts that we might see anew how wide and long and deep is Christ's love for us. Help us to hear your voice and sense your loving presence. Amen.**

HYMN VU 260 *God Who Gives to Life its Goodness*

1 God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King.

2 God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
God who names us co-creators
God who wills that chaos end:
Grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending
all our acts by Love refined.

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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.

READINGS

Luke 15: 11 – 32

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Jeremy McClung

Lost, Found, and Repeat

HYMN VU 271 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
- 2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.
- 3 There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that Christ has shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
- 4 Troubled souls, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?
- 5 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

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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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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN VU 236 *Now Thank We All Our God*

1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill
in this world in the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL BLESSING

HYMN VU 179 *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks*

Refrain:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Give thanks to the risen Christ;

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Give praise to God's name.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and is risen. **R**

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POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune - John Stanley

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Minister	Rev. Dr. Jeremy McClung recently completed his PhD in practical theology/homiletics at Wycliffe College, where he was recently appointed the director of the Institute of Evangelism. He is married with three children (including Aidan, one of our media techs) and lives in Huntsville, Ontario, where he spent 14 years planting and pastoring Muskoka Community Church.
Co-Liturgist	Linda Steinberg
Organist	Aurora Dokken
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers Choir
Media Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung
Reader	Charmaine Puszkur
Refreshments	Mary Davis Little
Counter	Nick Steinberg
After the service	you are invited to share in refreshments and fellowship at the back of the Sanctuary.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of
Norma and Clare Horton
and
Freda and Bill Fletcher
from Barb and Al Fletcher





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