

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

REV. JIM POTTER

"PEACE BE WITH YOU AND MORE"

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

Andante sostenuto - Felix Mendelssohn

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: We come to praise the risen Christ,
and to celebrate divine love and grace.

All: **We come in grateful thanks for Jesus,
who lived, died and was resurrected,
a living presence of forgiving love.**

CENTERING PRAYER

All: Gracious God, you are more aware of our need for new life and healing than we ourselves. May we be open to your presence in this worship. Please guide us to new awareness, knowing that you are our companion on the way. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN VU 173 *Thine is the Glory*

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.

Refrain:

**Thine is the glory, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. **R**

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **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.

READINGS

John 20: 19 - 31

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 186 *Now the Green Blade Rises*

1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again, like wheat arising green.

2 In the grave they laid Him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that He would never awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again, like wheat arising green.

3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again, like wheat arising green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again, like wheat arising green.

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SERMON

Rev. Jim Potter

Peace be with you and more.

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 *(sung)*

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Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

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HYMN VU 242 *Let All Things Now Living*

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

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COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

One: Peace be with you. May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forevermore. Amen

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN VU 179 *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks* Chorus and vs.

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

Voluntary in F - John Bennett

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Rev. Jim Potter	Jim Potter retired in 2015 after 35 years of ministry spent in Cape Breton, Southwestern Ontario and for the last 22 years in Lennoxville, Quebec. He and his wife Louise have four children and four grandchildren whom they enjoy visiting. Jim enjoys curling in the winter, with the Kingston Clergy Curling Club and golf in the summer and reading all year.
Co-Liturgist	Margo Craft
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers Choir
Media Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung
Reader	Shannon Royster
Refreshments	Heather Faris
Counter	Jan Trites
After the service	you are invited to share in refreshments and fellowship at the back of the Sanctuary.



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