

## CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM    SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024  
MOTHER'S DAY AND CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY

REV. IAN R. MACKAY

"WITH PATIENCE AND KINDNESS"

### 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

*Now Thank we all our God* - J.C. Oley    tune: *Nun danket*

### 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: Christ is the light of the world.  
Christ's light shines in the darkness and we behold its glory.

**HYMN VU 956**    *Your Word is a Lamp to My Feet*  
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path.

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who are born of God; abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

**All: We come in response to the One who calls us friends. We are here in gratitude for Christ's presence.**

One: Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness. Let hands and voices echo God's praise.

**All: Let our lips pour out a joyful noise. Let our hands reflect a serving Saviour**

One: Sing a new song to God who does marvellous things. Obey God's commandments which are not burdensome.

**All: We clap our hands and sing for joy. We live by faith that conquers the world.**

## CENTERING PRAYER

**All:** Come, Spirit of God, to lift us from empty routines to the surprising joy of your love. Open our mouths to praise you with sincere delight. Open our hearts to trust your leading through difficult times. You have called us together for mutual support in a time of worship that unites our spirits. Let your Spirit move among us. May our response to you be faithful, and our praise genuine. Amen.

### **HYMN VU 244** *Sing Your Praise to God Eternal*

- 1** Sing your praise to God eternal,  
sing your praise to God the Son,  
sing your praise to God the Spirit,  
living and forever One.  
God has made us, God has blessed us,  
God has called us to be true.  
God rules over all creation,  
daily making all things new.
- 2** Join the praise of every creature,  
sing with singing birds at dawn;  
when the stars shine forth at nightfall,  
hear their heavenly antiphon.  
Praise God for the light of summer,  
autumn glories, winter snows,  
for the coming of the springtime  
and the life of all that grows.
- 3** Praise God on our days of gladness  
for the summons to rejoice;  
praise God in our times of sadness  
for the calm, consoling voice.  
God our Maker, strong and loving,  
Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,  
living God, Creator Spirit,  
be your holy name adored!

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## A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All:** Eternal God, show us now what you expect of us as we seek the unity and peace for which Jesus prayed. May we find joy in your word as we share it with others. May we discover your truth that connects us with all your people everywhere in acts of self-giving love that brings us closer to your realm. Amen.

### READINGS

VU 724 Psalm 1 *(responsive)*

#### Sung Refrain:

**Blessed are those who follow the law of God.**

One: Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, or linger in the way of sinners, or sit down among those who mock.

**All: But their delight is in the law of God, and on that law they meditate day and night.**

One: They are like trees planted beside streams of water, yielding their fruit in due season.

**All: Their leaves do not wither, and whatever they produce shall prosper. R**

One: As for the wicked, it is not so with them,

**All: but they are like the chaff, driven away by the wind.**

One: Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand when judgement comes, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**All: For God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. R**

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I Corinthians 13: 1 - 13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **HYMN MV 176** *Three Things I Promise*

**1** Three things I promise, Holy God,  
in age and youth, in life and death:  
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

**2** Your love unfolded time and space,  
and life, and all that life became,  
and so, with thankful heart and voice,  
through good and ill, I bless your Name.

3 I follow, serve, and cling to Christ  
amid our culture's tides and trends,  
for here your Name is most revealed:  
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

4 Enlivened as the Spirit moves  
to cleanse, awaken, and renew,  
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,  
may seed and grow in all I do.

5 If I should live when vigour fades,  
and family and friends are gone,  
three acts of loving faith remain  
when days are slow, and work is done.

6 Revive and guide me, Living God,  
as day by day, until my death,  
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

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#### **SERMON**

Rev. Ian R. Mackay

*With Patience and Kindness*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE  
OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT AND OFFERTORY DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

**HYMN MV 191** *What Can I Do?*

What can I do?  
What can I bring?  
What can I say?  
What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. (I'll sing with joy.)  
I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love.  
I'll do my share. (*repeat*)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

**All:** For the hospitality of your good earth, for the people you have given us to love, for the tasks you have called us to do, we give thanks, gracious God. Our offerings are a measure of our faith and in evidence of our gratitude. We dedicate ourselves with our gifts. May your presence be known in the places where we live and work, and far beyond our reach. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.  
Send us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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 mother's 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 and 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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### BENEDICTION

#### 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

*Prélude du sixième ton* - Gilles Jullien (1650-1703)

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in honour of

**All Mothers**

**E**specially my own, Hannalore Mashke

Love always, Carol Sleeth



## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

**Minister**                      **Rev. Ian R. Mackay** has been an ordained Minister of the United Church for 50 years having served pastorates in northern Manitoba (Flin Flon), south-western Ontario (London and Chatham), eastern Ontario (Edith Rankin Memorial, 1983-1993) and Montreal (St. Lambert, 1994-2010). In their retirement years, he and his wife, Jane live near Verona where they regularly attend and offer services to Trinity United Church. They have 3 sons and 3 grandchildren. Two of the families live on the west coast, in the Seattle area and in New Westminster, and their youngest son lives in Halifax. This alone can keep them active, travelling to both sides of the country! They also enjoy cycling, but only for much shorter distances and close to home!

**Co-Liturgists**                Linda Steinberg  
**Organist**                      Juliet Milsome  
**Hymn Singers**                Members of Chalmers Choir  
**Media Techs**                 Brigitta Holzschuh, Ahmad Spierij  
**Reader**                        Doug Arrand  
**Refreshments**                TBA  
**Counter**                        Mary Davis Little  
**After the service**            You are invited to share in refreshments and fellowship in MacCallum Hall.



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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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