

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

REV. DR. ORVILLE JAMES

"THE WIND OF GOD"

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

Breathe on Me Breath of God (Trentham) arr. – Daniel Burton

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As silently as a dove descending,
God's Spirit comes, descending upon our hearts.
As brightly as a flame burning in the night,
God's Spirit comes to kindle new love in us.
As comforting as the presence of a friend, God's Spirit comes to be with us, to dwell within us.

CENTERING PRAYER

**All: Holy Spirit, Spirit of love,
in the stillness of this sanctuary,
quiet us and bring us your peace.
Rest in us, that we may be tranquil and still.
Speak to us, as each heart needs to hear.
Reveal to us things hidden
and things longed for.
Pray in us, that we may be at one
with you and with each other.
Refresh and renew us from your living springs of water.
Dwell in us now and always.
Amen.**

HYMN VU 376 *Spirit of the Living God*

1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love.:

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

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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

Acts 2: 1 - 8, 12, 43 - 47

John 3: 1 - 8

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 382 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

1 Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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SERMON
The Wind of God

Rev. Dr. Orville James

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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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 375 *Spirit, Sprit of Gentleness*

Refrain:

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness
Wind, Wind on the sea**

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **R**

2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. **R**

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew thro' your people on the rush of the wind. **R**

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. **R**

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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

Fughetta in Bb – Georg A. Sorge (1703-1778)

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Minister

Rev. Dr. Orville James

Born in Ottawa, Orville grew up in a family steeped in the faith, and church. His father was a minister, and 2 uncles were pastors. Orville was educated at Queen's and Princeton and was a 'student intern' at Chalmers under the tutelage of Rev. Dr. Stan Lucyk. Ordained in 1978, Orville has served United Churches in New Brunswick and S. Ontario, and a Methodist Church in Maine. He has also done 2 'exchanges' with the British Methodist Church, serving congregations in Wales and England. He now considers himself a 'free-agent for Jesus', and is enjoying supporting the next generation of ministers (his daughter Heather Joy is a minister in Vancouver). He also delights in playing with six grandchildren spread from Vancouver to London, U.K.

He is hopefully eager that the church will continue to find ways to reach spiritually hungry Canadians; And... he remains confident that a Canadian team will win the Stanley Cup once more in his lifetime!

Co-Liturgists

Linda Steinberg

Organist

Juliet Milsome

Hymn Singers

Members of Chalmers Choir

Media Techs

Brigitta Holzschuh, Ahmad Spierij

Reader

Al Fletcher

Refreshments

Al Fletcher

Counter

Charmaine Puszkur

After the service

You are invited to share in refreshments and fellowship in MacCallum Hall.



To submit materials for the bulletin please use:
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Please send announcements by end of day Monday,
or late additions by end of day Tuesday for inclusion
the following Sunday.

**At 10:30 join us in person at Chalmers or watch
live-streamed** on Chalmers' YouTube channel. The service
will also be posted later to the same channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUgl1tZaiRji18sFwj2P2Q>

The link for Chalmers YouTube channel can also be found on
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Flowers in the Sanctuary are honouring
members of the Polson and McDowall families
who were baptized in
and attended Chalmers Church
in the late 19th century.
from Mary Davis Little

