

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

REV. DR. NADENE GRIEVE-DESLIPPE

“BABY STEPS FROM THE DARK TO THE LIGHT”

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

Chorale Prelude on a Melody - Orlando Gibbons (Song 13), Healey Willan

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 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: The days are lengthening and we anticipate summer. The beauty of creation inspires and awes as we see the majesty of the trees and the glorious rising and setting of the sun. Life is a beautiful gift to be celebrated, savoured and appreciated.

All: We celebrate the gifts of Creation, the Wisdom of Christ and the Invigorating power of the Spirit. Attune our senses to power and Presence of Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

CENTERING PRAYER

All: Holy One, who created light from darkness and order from chaos, we worship You. Saving One, who welcomed visitors under the cloak of darkness to open eyes to higher truths, we worship You. Present One, who continues to remain in the world to illuminate new truths and to inspire deeper awareness, we worship You. Holy One, Saving One Present One, one in three and three in one, we worship you. Amen

HYMN VU 320 *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

1 Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

2 Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of my life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.

3 Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flower, until I know.

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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.

READING

John 3: 1 - 17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 766 *As the Deer Pants for the Water*

Psalm 42

1 As the deer pants for the water
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

**Refrain: You alone are my strength and shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.**

2 I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye. **R**

3 You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a king;
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything! **R**

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SERMON Rev Dr Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

Baby Steps from the Dark to the Light

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 322 *O God, Whose First Creative Word*

1 O God, whose first creative word
set universes into place,
who stretched across the whirling void
infinities of time and space;
O speak to our chaotic day
a word of ordered grace, we pray.

2 O Christ who came, the living word,
proclaiming love's redeeming power,
who drained the tempter's bitter cup
and triumphed in earth's darkest hour;
O speak to our despair and pain
a word that kindles hope again.

3 O Spirit, ever-present word,
God's agent of transforming grace,
who seeks to enter every heart
with light its darkness to replace;
O speak within the hearts we raise
a joyful word of faith and praise.

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BENEDICTION

One: The Grace of God, the love of Christ and the Power of the Spirit
rest upon you now and always.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

MV 222 *May the Peace of God Be Your Peace*

May the peace of God be your peace.

May the love of God be the love you show.

May the joy of God be the joy you know,

and may the world that God would see

be found in you.

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POSTLUDE

Fanfare - Jean Joseph Mouret

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Minister	Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe was born and raised in Hamilton. She did her undergraduate work at McMaster and studied theology at Queen's. She completed a Doctor of Ministry at McMaster Divinity College. She has served pastorates in Manitoba and Eastern Ontario and retired on September 30, 2020 from Cooke's-Portsmouth Church, Kingston. She is married to Michael and they have three living daughters and are proud grandparents to three grandchildren.
Co-Liturgist	Anja Troje
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers Choir
Media Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh, Ahmad Spierij
Reader	Heather Faris
Refreshments	Heather Faris
Counter	Gerald McGrath
After the service	You are invited to share in refreshments and fellowship in at the back of the Sanctuary.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of



their Grandson.

Patrick McKay



from Rosalie and David Spooner



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will also be posted later to the same channel.

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