

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

REV. IAN R. MACKAY

“STORM-INFESTED TIMES”

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

Weil Ich Jesu Schaflein Bin arr. Barbara B. Masters

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: Light comes and shines through the darkness.
Christ is present among us and lightens our way. In the glory of God's perpetual light, let us be as Christ-light to each other.

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: Gather in awe before God who laid the foundations of the earth.
Open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.

**All: The deeds of God are beyond our knowing.
Yet, we catch glimpses of God's mercy and care.**

One: God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid.
Our Creator is with us in all times and places.

**All: God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled.
The needy and the poor are not forgotten.**

One: God is ready to listen to us in these moments together.
See, now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation.

**All: Surely God will meet us here in our faith community.
How good it is when we sense our unity in Christ!**

CENTERING PRAYER

All: I sing praises to you, O God, for you have been gracious to us amid the storms of life. We wrestle with many forces at work within and among us, but you give us confidence and courage to face them. Out of the whirlwind, you answer when we call. We have gathered to listen for the voice we sometimes cannot hear in the daily clamour of our lives. Help us discard the unnecessary things that hinder us from the fullness of life you intend for us. Amen.

HYMN MV 30 *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker*

1 It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,
and by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and
sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

2 It's a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore,
and by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and
sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

3 It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
The Bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song,
and by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and
sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

4 It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings.
and by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and
sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: God of earth and heaven you call us to risk-taking service. We dare to listen to your call, knowing that it may draw us out of step with the expectations of our culture, realizing that you may lead us away from our dependence on things we have accumulated. We take that risk longing for the day when all the families of the nations should come and worship before you. Amen.

READINGS

II Corinthians 6: 1 - 13

Mark 4: 35 - 41

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN **VU 637** *Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me*

1 Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll,
hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
chart and compass come from thee,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

2 As a mother stills her child,
thou canst hush the ocean wild;
boisterous waves obey thy will
when thou biddest to them "Be still."
Wondrous sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

3 When at last I near the shore,
and the fearful breakers roar
'twixt me and the peaceful land,
still supported by thy hand,
may I hear thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

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SERMON

Rev Ian R. Mackay

Storm-Infested Times

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERTORY DEDICATION

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Lift up your heads to see God's glory here,
Be lifted up to know that help is near.
God, our Creator, meets us on this day,
And dwells where'er we go along life's way.

Joining in songs of longing and of praise,
We seek to share your word through all our days.
Fill us with truth, your gospel to proclaim,
Sending us out to serve in Jesus' name.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

All: Thank you, God, for meeting us in our need. We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten. We are grateful for the trust you place in us. We give that others might respond to the good news of your love. We are hearing the words Jesus spoke in the midst of the storm, "Peace! Be still!" With fresh calm and confidence, we give of ourselves that others might live better. Thank you, God, for your steadfast love that endures forever. 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 625 *I Feel the Winds of God*

1 I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.

2 It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
and I'll put back to sea.

3 If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above;
it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift;
I feel the winds of God today,
today my sail I lift.

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING

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

Joy! (Beethoven's "Hymn to Joy" à la Brubeck)

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Minister	Rev. Ian 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-Liturgist	Linda Steinberg
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers Choir
Media Techs	Ahmad Spierij, Brigitta Holzschuh
Reader	Charmaine Puszkur
Refreshments	Mary Davis Little
Counter	Charmaine Puszkur
After the service	you are invited to share in refreshments and fellowship at the back of the Sanctuary.



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