

## CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 AM    SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

REV. DR. NADENE GRIEVE-DESLIPPE

“WHERE IS THE GOOD NEWS”

### 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

*Diferencias Variations* -Antonio de Cabezon

### 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: We have been called the salt of the earth, so let us remain distinctive and salty.

**All: We have been called the light of the world let us shine brightly even in the midst of our confusion and pain.**

One: We have been called a city set on a hill.

**All: Let us open our gates and swing wide our arms in both praise and welcome. Let us worship God!**

## CENTERING PRAYER

**All:** Your arms are wide, O God, and your reach is broad; gather us together as a mothering hen enfolds her brood. Your arms are wide, O Christ, stretched out from the cross of Calvary and surrounding the world in love; draw us closer. Your breath is sweet and refreshing, O Spirit; inspire us to live as the sons and daughters of God and the brothers and sisters of Christ. Holy One, Saving One, Present One, bless us now and always. Amen.

**HYMN VU 556** *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families*

**1** Would you bless our homes and families,  
Source of Life who calls us here;  
in our world of stress and tension  
teach us love that conquers fear.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;  
teach us when we face our troubles,  
love's expressed in many ways.

**2** When our way is undemanding,  
Let us use the time that's ours  
to delight in simple pleasures,  
sharing joys in gentle hours.  
When our way is anxious walking  
and a heavy path we plod,  
teach us trust in one another  
and in you, our gracious God.

**3** From the homes in which we're nurtured,  
with the love that shapes us there,  
teach us, God, to claim as family  
every one whose life we share,  
and through all that life may offer;  
may we in your love remain;  
may the love we share in families  
be alive to praise your name.

**4** Let us reach beyond the boundaries  
of our daily thought and care  
till the family you have chosen  
spills its love out everywhere.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;  
teach us when we face our troubles  
love's expressed in many ways.

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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

Mark 3: 20-35

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

Rev Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

*Where is the Good News?*

## COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

### OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT AND OFFERTORY DEDICATION

#### OFFERTORY

**HYMN VU 541** *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.

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## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION

**HYMN VU 457** *As We Gather at Your Table*

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3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**All: The Great Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord our God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: We thank you, Creator God. You have created the world and filled the air with birds, and fish in the sea and all manner of animals that walk on the earth.

**All: We praise you, Creator God.**

One: You have created us in your image. Not all of us have the same skin tones and yet the hearts that beat within every chest are capable of love for one another; and we have been imbued with spirits to enable us to worship the many faces of God.

You have given us heroes and heroines of the faith to demonstrate that no one is beneath redemption: not Adam and Eve who succumbed to temptation; or the Patriarchs who could be selfish and self-serving; nor kings who lost their way.

**ALL: You gave David a harp that he might sing your praise, and courage to Esther and loyalty to Ruth. You sent your Son, Jesus, into the world to show the depth of your love for creation and to bring us back into the fold.**

One: He was born of a woman, loved by an earthly father who taught him to love the Torah and to celebrate the feasts that rooted the faith that he was born into. He saw potential in fishermen and tax collectors, and saw women as equals. He welcomed children to hear his stories, and entertained Nicodemus under cover of night. To the despairing he spoke a word of hope; to the sick he proffered healing hands; to the marginalized he offered a place; but he was misunderstood.

He was betrayed, humiliated, beaten, mocked and killed; but he was restored to life by the miraculous power of God. He reigns with God and all of the saints with whom we join to proclaim.

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord**

**God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

**Hosanna in highest heaven.**

One: So it is that we remember on the night on which he was to be betrayed he took bread, gave thanks, passed it to his disciples and said, "This is my body given for you. Each time you partake, remember me."

In like manner he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and passed it to his disciples and said. "This cup is the new testament of my blood. Drink from it in remembrance.

**All: We remember the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We live in hope of his return to bring peace and justice for all, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:**

**Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.**

One: Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here that these gifts, touched by your Spirit, may be signs of life and love to one another and to the world. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ; in the unity of the Holy Spirit we humbly pray. Amen.

**BREAKING THE BREAD AND RAISING OF THE CHALICE**

**THE INVITATION**

**SHARING THE EUCHARIST**

**COMMUNION**

Charity -Richard Proulx

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**All: Loving God, for the bread we have eaten and the cup we have shared we give you thanks. May this feast sustain us in times of transition and change; empowering us to live as sons and daughters of God and brothers and sisters of Christ; in whose name we humbly pray. Amen.**

**HYMN VU 468** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**1** Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

**Refrain:**

**Jesus lives again,  
earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!**

**2** Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. **R**

**3** Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share.  
God (Immanuel) everywhere! **R**

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## BENEDICTION

**One:** You are members of the world-wide family of God. Go into the world and live your calling as servants and agents of the gospel.  
**All:** **May God bless and keep us this day and always. May the grace of Christ attend us in our times of want and in our times of fullness. May the power of the Holy Spirit be our inspiration and Guide. 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

*On Savannah* -Stanley Vann

## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

**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.

<b>Co-Liturgist</b>	Linda Steinberg
<b>Organist</b>	Aurora Dokken
<b>Hymn Singers</b>	Members of Chalmers Choir
<b>Media Techs</b>	Ahmad Spierij, Brigitta Holzschuh
<b>Reader</b>	Margot Craft
<b>Refreshments</b>	Barb Laidlaw
<b>Counter</b>	Mike Hartlin
<b>After the service</b>	There will be a luncheon and birthday cupcakes in MacCallum Hall after the service before the AGM.

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