

Chalmers United Church



10:30 AM SUNDAY, NOV. 3, 2024
REV. ELIZABETH GUILLAUME-KOENE
"FROM BITTER TO SWEET - PART 1"

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

Modal - Alec Rowley

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 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 from Psalm 146

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

One: The LORD watches over the strangers; God upholds the orphan and the widow.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

CENTERING PRAYER

All: God of the widow and orphan, God of the oppressed and imprisoned, God of the overlooked and overburdened, hear our prayer. Give us eyes to see strangers as friends. Give us ears to hear new voices. Give us minds open to fresh perspectives. Give us hearts made whole by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

HYMN VU 333 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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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

Ruth 1: 1 - 22

Mark 12: 28 - 34

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

VU 658 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3 O Joy that sleekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

4 O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

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SERMON

From Bitter to Sweet, Part 1

HYMN VU 593 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Refrain:

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.**

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. **R**

2 Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away. **R**

3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all are neighbours to us and you. **R**

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. **R**

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COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

HYMN VU 540 *Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving*

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN MV 216 *Wherever You May Go*

Refrain: **1** Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

2 Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
we will travel side by side
and God's love will be our guide. R

3 From the beginning to the end
I will always be your friend,
when you need me, I'll be there,
you can trust my faithful care. R

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BENEDICTION

One: Go to love God and neighbor.

All: **We go forth in the love of God!**

One: Go to welcome the stranger.

All: **We go forth with love for the world!**

One: The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and on your way together,
now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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When You Walk from Here

When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy and with God's humble care.

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POSTLUDE

Meditation on Sine Nomine (For all the Saints) - Dennis Janzer

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Minister	Rev. Elizabeth Guillaume-Koene is trained as an Intentional Interim Minister and Spiritual Director in the Reformed tradition. She lives in Bowmanville with her husband, three boys and a small menagerie of critters. She spends her spare time gardening, playing board games and at their cabin up north
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Co-Liturgist	Linda Steinberg
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers United Church
Media Techs	Ahmad Spierij, Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung
Reader	Charmaine Puszkur
Refreshments	Mary Davis Little
Counter	Joan Simeon
fter the service	you are invited to share in refreshments and fellowship in the hall.

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 found on the home page. www.chalmersunitedchurch.org.

Fall decorations are a reminder to us
to be grateful for our Blessings
and our beautiful Autumn Season.





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