



Chalmers
United Church

10:30 AM
SUNDAY,
OCT. 13, 2024

WORLD FOOD
DAY
SERVICE

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 – by Orlando Gibbons, by 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 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: Come, let's praise God together!

All: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

One: Let's tell stories of the things God has done - mighty acts of power and love throughout history:

All: for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

One: Let's remember how much he loves us, and celebrate the care he continues to show to all of creation:

All: for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

One: Let's worship God together!

CENTERING PRAYER

One: Good and gracious God,
You are gathering this community from across the earth,
Asking us to pour out our lives on behalf of those who hunger.
For hope, for justice, for daily bread.
You are asking us to see the earth as you do,
So very, very good.
Trees with fruit, bursting with seed.
Green plants for food, for humans and for every living creature.
As a holy place for everything that breathes and to whom you have given life.
Yet we see the realities before us, and it takes our breath away:
Those whose bellies growl every day.
Those who consume more than their fair share.
Breathe new life into us...
As a global community, as local congregations

Gather us together so that we may remind each other
of your intent for this earth.
Gather us so that we may pour out our lives in Christ's name,
as Christ does on behalf of those who hunger. **Amen**

Adapted from WFD prayer on presbyterianmission.org

HYMN VU 460 *All Who Hunger*

1 All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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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 6: 1 – 15

Feeding the 5,000

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 355 *For The Crowd of Thousands*

v. 1,2,4,5

1 For the crowd of thousands
sitting on the ground,
seven is sufficient,
seven will go round.

2 Seven is sufficient,
fish and loaves of bread,
Jesus, for our hunger,
gives us life instead.

4 If we give to Jesus
bread to bless and break,
five and two will feed us
seven days a week.

5 What we give to Jesus,
and with others share,
will at last be gathered:
over and to spare!

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AFFIRMATION

We Dare to Dream

We dare to dream of a world in which hunger is unknown:
where scarcity is an illusion, and everyone has a place at the table.
We dare to dream of a world in which generosity is the norm:
where greed finds no foothold, and there is more than enough for
all.

We dare to dream of a world in which love rules:
where compassion is the first response,
and there is no place for bigotry.

We dare to dream.

We dare to pray.

We dare to believe.

SERMON

Until All Are Fed

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

MV 193 *God, Bless to Us Our Bread*

God bless to us our bread, and give bread to all those who are hungry,
and hunger for justice to those who are fed; God bless to us our bread.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 227 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3 For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN VU 552 *For Food in the World*

For food in a world where many walk in hunger,
for friends in a world where many walk alone,
for faith in a world where many walk in fear,
we give you thanks, O God.

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POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A Minor - John James (d. 1745)

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Participants	Jan Trites, Heather Faris, Monika Holzschuh, James Smith, Linda Steinberg
Autumn Décor	Carol Sleeth
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers United Church
Media Techs	Ahmad Spierij, Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung
Refreshments	Heather Faris
Counter	Charmaine Puszkur
After the service	you are invited to share in refreshments and fellowship at the back of the Sanctuary.

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.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are to Celebrate, Honour and Record yesterday's wonderful wedding day of,

Codey Renaud and Jazmine West.

They are well-known to Chalmers, having initially started with the Benevolent Program over a decade ago, that culminated in yesterday's happy news of their union here at Chalmers.

We wish them all the very best as they start their married lives together!



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



Working together to end global hunger

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is rooted in the belief that humankind is created in the image of God and that it is God's desire that no person should go hungry.

It was created by Canadian Christians who wanted to work together to help those who don't have enough to eat and has grown to a partnership of 15 church and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger. Together, our members represent nearly 30 Christian denominations made up of over 12,000 individual congregations across Canada.

Across the country Canadians join this movement by finding ways to **GIVE, PRAY, LEARN** and **ADVOCATE**.

It all adds up! In 2022-23, Foodgrains Bank supporters including the Government of Canada provided assistance to 1,103,795 people in 36 countries.

There's still more to be done; worldwide, up to 783 million people don't have enough to eat. By working together, in Canada and with locally based partners and people overseas, we can make a big difference in the lives of those who are hungry around the world.

On World Food Day, we stand together with people, organizations and communities of faith around the globe, and unite in prayer for an end to the injustice of hunger.



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