

# Chalmers United Church



10:30 AM SUNDAY, OCT. 27, 2024  
REFORMATION SUNDAY  
REV. ELIZABETH GUILLAUME-KOENE  
"ALWAYS REFORMING"

## 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

Meditation on Woodworth, *Just as I Am* - Elizabeth A. Krouse (b. 1943)

## 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

**Reader 1:** *The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.*

**All: Come Holy Spirit and lead us.**

**Reader 2:** Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:

**All: The Way of change and testing,  
the Way of the desert and the wilderness.**

**Reader 1:** *But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

**All: Come Holy Spirit and make us your own.**

**Reader 2:** Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:

**All: The Way of new learning and questioning,  
the Way of the River Jordan and the Upper Room.**

**Reader 1:** *No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)*

**All: Come Holy Spirit and shape us anew.**

**Reader 2:** Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:

**All:** **The Way of joy in life and sacrifice,  
the Way of the Creation and the Cross.**

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**CENTERING PRAYER**

**All:** **God of Life: may your light  
shine on your people today,  
as it shone in each moment of history.  
May the light of your presence  
inspire this celebration,  
and inspire our lives,  
to praise you and recognize you,  
as source of all creation,  
as strength that sustains,  
as sap that nurtures,  
as wisdom that foresees,  
as clarity that discovers,  
as love that understands,  
as mercy that forgives...  
May the light of your presence,  
eternal and inextinguishable,  
shine on us now and forever  
till the dawn of your Kingdom,  
present in each day.**

from *Renewing the Church: Resources for Celebrating Reformation Sunday,*  
published by World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

**HYMN VU 326** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

- 1** O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and king,  
the triumphs of God's grace.
- 2** Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.
- 3** He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.
- 4** Hear him, you deaf, you voiceless ones,  
your tongues again employ;  
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,  
and leap, you lame, for joy!

5 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of your name.

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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 10: 46 - 52

Hebrews 7: 23-28

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### VU 508 *Just As I Am*

1 Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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### SERMON

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**HYMN VU 66o** *How Firm a Foundation*

- 1 How firm a foundation, you servants of God,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can be said than to you has been said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.
- 3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:  
the flame shall not hurt you, I only design  
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.
- 5 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not -- I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never -- no, never -- no, never forsake!"

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## COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

### OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

**HYMN VU 54o** *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

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

O Great Spirit, we honour your name as sacred and holy.  
Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in  
the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below.  
Provide for us day by day - the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.  
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.  
All the things we need for each day.  
Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same  
way we release others for the things done wrong to us.  
Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your  
good road and set us free from the evil one and his worthless  
ways. May it be so! Amen.

### HYMN VU 418 *Go Forth for God*

- 1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in the kingdom we see face to face.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
- 2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
- 3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
- 4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

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## BENEDICTION

- One: For all that God can do within us,  
for all that God can do without us,  
**All: Thanks be to God!**  
One: For all in whom Christ lived before us,  
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

One: For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
for where the Spirit wants to send us,

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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

**All: Amen.**

~ from *Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion.*

*Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017.*

Written by the Liturgical Task Force of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity

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### 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

*Allegro* - G.B. Martini

## 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** Margot Craft  
**Hymn Singers** Members of Chalmers United Church  
**Media Techs** Ahmad Spierij, Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung  
**Readers** Al Fletcher  
**Refreshments** Al Fletcher  
**Counter** Charmaine Puszkas  
**Autumn Décor** Carol Sleeth  
**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](http://www.chalmersunitedchurch.org).

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

