

Chalmers United Church



10:30 AM SUNDAY, NOV. 10, 2024
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
REV. ELIZABETH GUILLAUME-KOENE
"FROM BITTER TO SWEET - PART 2"

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.

We respectfully ask people to finish their conversations and make their way to their seats as the organist start to play, to allow for a few minutes of quiet reflection. Thank you.

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Franconia (Blest are the Pure in Heart)* – C.S. Lang

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

All: 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: Jesus said (Matthew 18:20): "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." We light this candle as a reminder that we are not alone.

All: **May its flame warm our hearts and inspire us to live the message of the gospel.**

O Valiant Hearts - Rev. C. Harris

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader 1: From east and west, north and south, we gather on this day of remembrance to give thanks and praise.

All: **We come to be inspired by the Word of God and honour the sacrifices of those who have committed themselves to service before self.**

Reader 2: In times of peace, in times of conflict, and in times of uncertainty,

All: **We remember that we are not alone.**

Reader 1: We are the people of God, connected across time and space, from generation to generation.

All: **We are united by the love of the One who said: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."**

Reader 2: As we gather to remember, let us sing and pray.

All: **Let us worship God together!**

CENTERING PRAYER

**All: O God, at this annual time of remembrance,
our thoughts turn to violence, fear and pain of war.
Come gently in our worship this morning that we may know
your peace –
not the peace of violence ignored and fear repressed,
but the true peace of evil confronted, injustice exposed, and
reconciliation achieved.
We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

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HYMN VU 806 O God, Our Help in Ages Past Psalm 90

- 1** O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:
- 2** under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure
- 3** Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
- 4** A thousand ages, in thy sight,
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- 5** Time like an ever-rolling stream
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
- 6** O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

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WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN VU 684 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
- 2 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

- 3 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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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**

READINGS

Ruth 3: 1 - 5, 4: 13 - 17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

From Bitter to Sweet, Part 2

HYMN VU 574 *Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love*

1 Come let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

2 Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame,
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!
Come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

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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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ACTS OF REMEMBRANCE

- One: They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old.
- All: Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.**
- One: At the going down of the sun and in the morning.
- All: We will remember them.**

MINUTE OF SILENCE

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

- All: 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

based on Ephesians 6

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Margot Craft, soloist

Pie Jesu (from Requiem) – Gabriel Faure

POSTLUDE

Largo – G.F. Handel

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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

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Reader Peter Milliken

Refreshments in MacCallum Hall today

Counter Jan Trites

After the service you are invited to join a friendly lunch and gathering in MacCallum Hall to get to know our new minister. Zoom will start approx. 12:15pm.

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>
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