

Chalmers United Church



10:30 AM SUNDAY, NOV. 17, 2024
REV. ELIZABETH GUILLAUME-KOENE
"PEACE, FORGIVENESS AND FAITH"

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

The Earl of Salisbury's Pavan – William Byrd

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: 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 light unto my path.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by 1 Samuel 2: 1-10 NRSV)

One: There is no holy One, or no rock like our God
who causes my heart to rejoice and my strength to increase,
Two: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, who judges our actions.
One: Who breaks the power of the mighty, and clothes the feeble with
strength,
Two: the Lord makes rich and makes poor, brings low and lifts up.
One: Raising up the poor from the dust and the needy from the ash heap;
Two: giving them seats of honour and guarding the feet of those who
are faithful.
One: While the wicked and those who rebel against the Lord will be
shattered.
1 & 2: We worship and praise God - judge of all the earth.

Two: Our God is strong, like a rock.
All: We come to worship the God of justice and joy.
One: Our God cares for the ones the world forgets.
All: We come to worship the God of justice and joy.
Two: Our God is the one who gives life, and who guards the future.
All: We come to worship the God of justice and joy.
One: Come, let us worship God.

CENTERING PRAYER

One: God of all knowledge,
Hannah's prayer resonates not only across the ages
but in our hearts, as, like her, we praise you
as our rock and our redeemer.
**All: We worship you with awe,
knowing that there is no holy One like you.
And yet you took on our humanity
to reveal your love and your mercy in person.
In Jesus who, taking the form of a servant,
taught us about your power.**
One: The power dreamed of by Hannah—power at the service of others,
raising up the powerless, strengthening the weak,
healing the sick, replacing despair with hope,
bringing life where there was death.
**All: We praise and adore you, O God, for these wonderful signs of
your love. May this time of worship and the service of our lives
be a worthy response to these gifts.
This we pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.**

~ posted on the Church of Scotland's *Starters for Sunday* website
<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

HYMN VU 232 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.

3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music lifts us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

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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

READINGS

Hebrews 10: 19 – 25

Mark 13: 1 - 8

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 288 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided –
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **R**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. **R**

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SERMON

Peace, Forgiveness and Faith

HYMN MV 120 *My Soul Cries Out*

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on our servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest,
could the world be about to turn? **R**

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

**Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!**

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast;
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp,
this saving word that forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. **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

**All: Our Creator and Sustainer, Perfect Love,
We turn again to You.**

**Guide us;
help us to love,
so that Your Will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day, that which we need.
Fill us with hope and trust.**

**Help us to forgive our siblings
(and ourselves as well);
and to look on them, as you look on us.**

**Give us strength to resist temptation.
When we are tempted, let us choose peace.
Deliver us from our fears.
For what You love is safe.**

And Your love remains forever and always. Amen.

<https://www.thingstoremember.org.uk/blog/the-lords-prayer-an-alternative-version>

HYMN VU 506 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

3 Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

5 Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN MV 7 *Gather Us In*

Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in, ground us, ground us in you.

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POSTLUDE

Processional - Jean Phillipe Rameau, arr. by Allanson Brown

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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Co-Liturgist Linda Steinberg
Hymn Singers Members of Chalmers United Church
Media Techs Ahmad Spierij, Brigitta Holzschuh, Aidan McClung
Reader Aidan McClung
Refreshments Barb Laidlaw
Counter Heather Faris
After the service you are invited to join in fellowship and coffee 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.
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*Flowers are in loving memory of our parents
Charles William and Jean Arrand and
William Keir and Ruth Murray
from Jan and Doug Arrand
We cherish their Memory!*



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