

# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



10:30 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 20, 2025

REV. ELIZABETH GUILLAUME-KOENE  
"THE MENDED CUP!"

#### Health Precautions

1. Self-screening guidelines: If you have symptoms of a contagious illness, or are isolating due to close contact, we request that you do not attend in person and join us on live-stream instead.
2. Many choose to remain masked for their own safety or for the safety of others. We welcome this and appreciate mutual respect.

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

**Bold Text** indicates the parts that everyone reads together.  
☞☞ indicates you are invited to rise in body or spirit.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Raymond Qiu

### READING

John 20: 1 - 10

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

**One:** This day is a joyous day! We gather this morning in the presence of the risen Christ, whose love and peace gives light to our paths and hope to our days!

**All:** **In the light of our Christ candle, the joy of our hearts is rekindled this day.**

☞☞ **HYMN VU 412** *This is the Day*

v. 1

This is the day, this is the day,  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.

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#### 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.**

🌀🌀 **HYMN VU 409** *Morning has Broken*

**1** Morning has broken  
Like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!

**2** Sweet the rain's new fall  
sunlit from Heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where God's feet pass.

**3** Ours is the sunlight!  
Ours is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

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**READING**

John 2: 11 - 18

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: On this Easter morning, we gather like Mary Magdalene at the tomb.

**All: We come with our tears, our questions, and our longing.**

One: The stone has been rolled away, the grave clothes lie empty.

**All: Where death once reigned, new life has broken forth!**

One: "Why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

**All: We seek the risen Christ, the one who calls us by name.**

One: Like Mary, when we hear our names spoken in love,

**All: We recognize the voice of our Lord and Teacher.**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Let us worship the living God who transforms our mourning into dancing and sends us forth to share the good news of resurrection life!

## CENTERING PRAYER

One: Loving God, on this resurrection morning, we stand with Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb, our hearts filled with wonder and amazement. Like her, we come with our tears and our questions, seeking hope in places that once held only death.

We thank you for the miracle of Easter – that you have overcome death, that you call us each by name, and that you send us forth to tell others of your risen presence in our world.

Open our eyes to recognize you in our midst. Open our ears to hear you call our names. Open our hearts to receive your peace. And open our lives to be transformed by your resurrection power.

As we worship you today, may we, like Mary, run with joy to tell others, "We have seen the Lord!" Fill this sanctuary with your Holy Spirit as we celebrate the greatest miracle of all – that love is stronger than death, and that new life awaits all who put their trust in you.

We pray in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



### **HYMN VU 155** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**1** Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!  
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!  
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!  
suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!

**2** Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!  
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!  
sinners to redeem and save, hallelujah!

**3** But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!  
our salvation have procured, hallelujah!  
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!  
where the angels ever sing, hallelujah!

**4** Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!  
praise eternal as God's love, hallelujah!  
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!  
praise the Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!

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**READING**

John 20: 19 - 30

**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

☞ **HYMN VU 158** *Christ is Alive*

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.
- 3 In every insult, rift, and war,  
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, and justice, love and praise.

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**READING**

John 21: 1 - 13

## OFFERING

☞ **HYMN VU 541** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

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## READING

John 21: 14 - 19

## ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

☞ **HYMN VU 179** *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks*

**Refrain:**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

**Give thanks to the risen Christ;**

**hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Give praise to God's name.**

- 1** Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
firstborn of all creation. **R**
- 2** Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and is risen. **R**
- 3** We have been crucified with Christ,  
now we shall live for ever. **R**
- 4** Come let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour. **R**

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## READING

John 21: 20 - 23

## REFLECTION

*The Mended Cup*

## PRAYER FOR HEALING

### AN EASTER VERSION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who is present in heaven and on earth,  
Holy is your name.

May your kingdom of healing come,  
may your restorative will be done,  
in our broken world as it is in your wholeness.

Give us today the nourishment we need,  
as you prepared breakfast on the shore for your disciples.

Restore us from our failings,  
as we extend that same grace to others  
who have wounded us.

Lead us away from the temptation  
to hide behind locked doors of fear,  
and deliver us from the doubt that prevents our healing.

For yours is the kingdom where brokenness is made whole,  
the power that rolls away stones from tombs,  
and the glory that transforms wounds into signs of love,  
now and forever.

Amen.



### **HYMN VU 168** *The Risen Christ*

**1** The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet  
from garden tomb through darkened city street,  
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,  
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.

**2** The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,  
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide  
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe,  
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.

**3** The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand  
the bread for those who fail to understand,  
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,  
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

**4** May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand  
with the oppressed in this and every land,  
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,  
restored in Christ to true humanity.

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### BENEDICTION

One: As we leave this place of worship on this Easter morning, may we walk with the risen Christ on every path, recognizing his presence in our brokenness and our healing.

**All: Christ is risen! We go as witnesses to resurrection life.**

One: May the peace that Christ breathed upon his disciples fill our hearts and overflow into all our relationships. May the forgiveness Christ offered to Peter inspire us to extend and receive grace in equal measure.

**All: Christ is risen! We carry Christ's peace into the world.**

One: And may the God who transforms empty tombs into gardens of new life, who turns denial into restoration, and who makes all things new, bless us and keep us, this Easter day and always.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen!**

### CHORAL BENEDICTION



**HYMN MV 59** *Alleluia, Praise to God*

v. 1

Alleluia, praise to God.

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Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God.

Alleluia, praise to God.

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### POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary* – Jeremiah Clarke (d. 1707)

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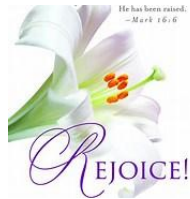
# THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

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<b>Refreshments</b>	Marjorie Mason

You are invited to join in fellowship and refreshments following the service.

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).



The flowers in the sanctuary honour and pay tribute to the generations of families who founded and nurtured Chalmers United Church since 1847.



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to do this weekend.  
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