

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

The United Church of Canada



Second Sunday in Lent
10:30am March 13, 2022

Our Call and Our Vision

Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice

Rev. Grace McBride

Inspiration from the United Church of Canada

Planned by the Worship Circle

Open discussion to follow in McCallum Hall

Covid Precautions

We are returning to in-person services

but we will continue to practise

our previous COVID protocols for the time being -

such as double vaccinations, masks at all times, social distancing,
screening and registering at the door, etc.

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT

HYMN VU 370 *Send Your Holy Spirit*

Send your Holy Spirit on your gathered people, merciful and loving God, hear us, as we pray.

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CALL TO WORSHIP AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN VU 596 *Come and Bless Us, God*

1 Come and bless us, God, save us from dissension,
that we may as one further your intention.

Never on our own, yours for ever after,
both our tears and laughter blessed by you alone.

2 Not for us to keep do you give your blessing,
talents richly given not for our possessing.

As we share our all, blessing grows and flowers,
loving grace empowers, bursting evil's thrall.

3 Peace you granted once, peace again must flourish;
as you promised us, as the earth we nourish.

Help us stand the test! Those who sow with weeping,
when it's time for reaping, will find peace and rest.

4 Come and bless us, God, save us from dissension,
that we may as one further your intention.

Never on our own, yours for ever after,
both our tears and laughter blessed by you alone.

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PRAYER: JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Friends, we come to confession not to wallow in our own guilt. Instead, we come to confession because we know that change starts with being honest. So in the desire to grow and change, we confess together.

All: At every turn, Jesus said, "I will not stop." Jesus would not stop healing, teaching, or flipping tables of injustice. He would not stop treating every person like a child of God. We confess that our resolve is not always quite so strong. Forgive us, Holy One, for the times we stop, and gently nudge us to begin again.

One: Hear and believe this good news - No matter how we miss the mark or what we leave undone, God's grace strengthen us and brings us life. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER IN TIME OF WAR

Wendy Lyons

Our Father, our mother our creator, who art in heaven, slow to anger, and of great mercy, lover of all peoples of the earth, Hallowed be thy Name. Remind us that "all the nations are as nothing before thee," their governments but a shadow of passing age; Thy kingdom come on earth. Grant to thy children throughout the world, and especially to the leaders of the nations, the gift of prayerful thought and thoughtful prayer; that following the example of our Lord, we may discern what is right, and do it; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Help us to protect and to provide for all who are hungry and homeless, especially those who are deprived of food and shelter, family and friends, by the tragedy of war; Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us for neglecting to "seek peace and pursue it," and finding ourselves in each new crisis, more ready to make war than to make peace. "We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves"; Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Let us not seek revenge, but reconciliation; Let us not delight in victory, but in justice; Let us not give ourselves up to pride, but to prayer; Lead us not into temptation. Be present to all thy children ravaged by war: Be present to those who are killing and to those who are being killed; Be present to the loved ones of those who are killing and to the loved ones of those who are being killed; Deliver us from evil. Subdue our selfish desires to possess and to dominate, and forbid us arrogance in victory; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. **Amen**

WE ENGAGE WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Responsive Psalm 27 VU 754

Luke 13: 31-35

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

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OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

HYMN VU 540 *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

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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OFFERTORY

Let us Break Bread Together

American Folk Melody arr. David Ferreira

LITURGY OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: Come, all who need a word of peace, all who need a word of
encouragement, and all who need a word of grounding. The
invitation to the meal is for everyone: seekers, doubters,
believers, and everyone in between. Come, for the meal is
ready.

HYMN VU 466 *Eat This Bread*

Eat this bread, drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.

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WORDS OF REMEMBERING

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

One: Please take your elements of Communion, hold them in front of you, and let us bless them together with a word of prayer.

All: Led by the Spirit, we come to this meal to eat the bread of life and drink from the cup of forgiveness. We ask a blessing on the bread and the cup, Holy One, even as we know You have already given it.

One: As we are fed by the bread, may we become more generous, ever ready to offer sustenance to those around us. Please take your bread, eat and be grateful.

One: As the cup nourishes us, may we be poured out for others, offering our lives in grace and hope to all. Please take your cup, drink and be grateful. In communion with each other, let our hearts be filled and our burdens lightened. We pray in the name of Jesus, who offered the first blessing, Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: We are grateful to get to practice how we are to be in the world, Holy One, for that is some of what we are doing here at the Table. We give thanks for love that never runs out, hope that never runs dry, and joy that never gives up.

All: We go out as Your people, willing to be your hands and feet, ready to serve wherever we have the chance, and eager to proclaim peace to all. We pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us the way. Amen.

HYMN VU 389 *God is Here*

vs. 1 & 4

1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

4 God of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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BENEDICTION

One: Let us be the first to confess, the last to lose hope, and always tender-hearted. In our living and breathing and being, may the Spirit of God fill us full to the brim. Let us go in peace, pray for peace, wage a little peace, and love one another.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN VU 381 *Spirit of Life*

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

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POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader	Rev. Grace McBride
Co-liturgist	Bill Egnatoff
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Scripture Reader	Anja Troje
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers Choir
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UPCOMING SERVICES

10:30am Sunday, March 20 Rev. Don Misener
10:30am Sunday, March 27 Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

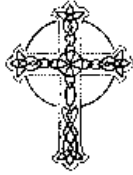
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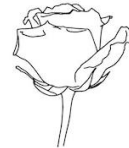


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