

CHALMERS

United

CHURCH

Chalmers hosting Westbrook online

Guest Minister: Rev. Ian R. Mackay "Tender, Tough"

February 13, 2022 10:30 am

Due to a Covid resurgence, Chalmers is closed For in-person worshipping. The service will be posted to Chalmers' YouTube channel.

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Allegretto in G major - A. Corelli

WORDS OF WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

We welcome Westbrook United Church as we join together today in worship.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed are those who trust in God,

who delight to meditate on God's law.

All: We yearn to hear God's Word

and let God's spirit shape our lives.

One: Blessed are all who seek the realm of God,

who hunger to find life in its fullness.

All: We intend to give our best to our Creator,

bearing fruit in all we say and do.

One: Blessed are the ones who serve God with joy,

who live in faithfulness and hope.

All: We come now to worship and find new life,

to receive nourishment and empowerment for life's journey.

CENTRING PRAYER

Come, Holy God, to search our minds and try our hearts. Grant us, in this hour, wise counsel and clear direction. Touch us, teach us, hear us, heal us. Send your Spirit to walk with us, as Jesus walked with the disciples long ago. Grant us a living faith to quench our thirst and feed our hunger. **Amen.**

HYMN VU 304 O God, Beyond All Face and Form

- 1 O God, beyond all face and form, you willed it that creation's night should blaze, and chaos still its storm, and birth a universe of light.
 All things below, all things above are formed of your eternal love.
- 2 The glory of the galaxies, the beauty of a baby's hand, the thundering of restless seas, the glory of the forest's stand; All things below, all things above are formed of your eternal love.
- 3 You gave our race both form and name, and love for us was your intent.
 Then to a woman's womb love came, and on across was wholly spent.
 All things below, all things above are formed of your eternal love.
- 4 Of this great love, all loves are born, of self, of neighbour, and of earth. By love shall night be turned to morn, and death shall never conquer birth. All things below, all things above Are formed of your eternal love.

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A World Engaged 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.**

READINGS

Jeremiah 17: 5 - 10

Luke 6: 17 - 26

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Tender, Tough

Rev. Ian Mackay

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 260 God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

- 1 God who gives to life its goodness, God creator or all joy, God who gives to us our freedom God who blesses tool and toy: teach us now to laugh and praise you. deep within your praises sing. till the whole creation dances For the goodness of its King.
- 2 God who fills the art with beauty, God who binds each friend to friend, God who names us co-creators God who wills that chaos end: grant us now creative spirits, minds responsive to your mind, hearts and wills your rule extending5 all our acts by Love refined.

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BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN MV 222 May the Peace of God Be Your Peace
May the peace of God be your peace.
May the love of God be the love you show.
May the joy of God be the joy you know,
and may the world that God would see
be found in you.

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POSTLUDE

Andante religioso from Sonata no. 4 - F. Mendelssohn

UPCOMING SERVICES

Feb. 20: Rev. Paul Currie

(Westbrook hosts Chalmers on Westbrook's Zoom)

Feb. 27: Rev. Ian Mackay

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister The Rev. Ian R. Mackay has been an ordained Minister of the United Church for 50 years having served pastorates in northern Manitoba (Flin Flon), south-western Ontario (London and Chatham), eastern Ontario (Edith Rankin Memorial, 1983-1993) and Montreal (St. Lambert, 1994-2010). In their retirement years, he and his wife Jane live near Verona where they regularly attend and offer services to Trinity United Church. They have 3 sons and 3 grandchildren. Two of the families live on the west coast, in the Seattle area and in New Westminster, and their youngest son lives in Halifax. This, alone can keep them active, travelling to both sides of the country! They also enjoy cycling, but only for much shorter distances and close to home!

Co-LiturgistLinda SteinbergOrganistJuliet MilsomeReadersJoyce Holden

Hymn Singers Members of Chalmers Choir **Sound & Media Tech** Brigitta Holzschuh, Dylan Lodge

Technical Chair Nick Steinberg

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