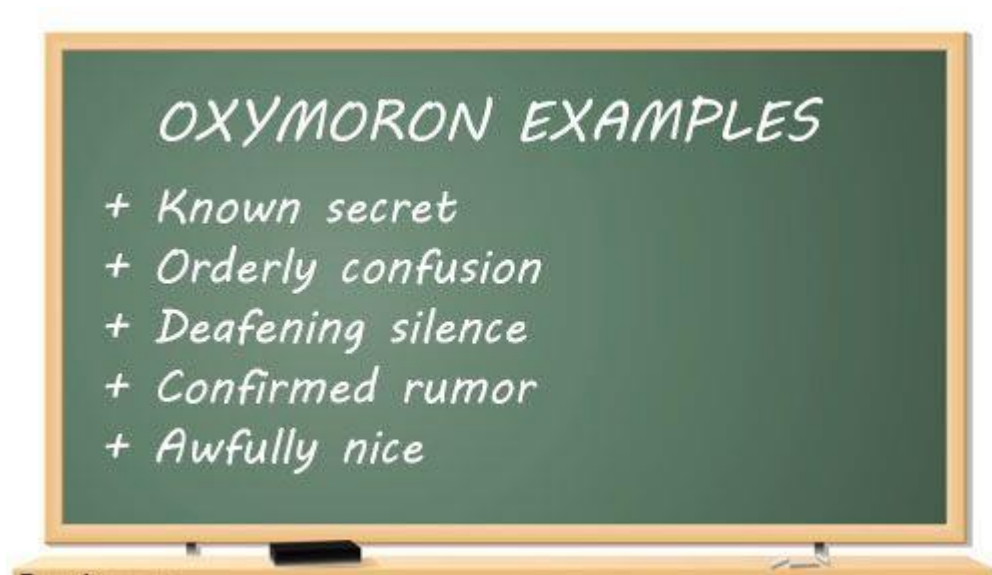


CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



An Oxymoron?

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10:30 am January 23, 2022

Third Sunday after the Epiphany - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Cornet Voluntary - William Walond (ed. C.H. Trevor)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: We are united in worship now, where we are in our homes.

All: Though this global pandemic prevents us from gathering - our hearts and minds are united.

One: We gather in spirit to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

All: Let us worship God, known to us as Kind Creator, Compassionate Friend, Ever-Present Spirit. Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and Loving God, Jesus prayed that we all might be one. Inspire us today, by your Spirit, that might be united in mission and ministry - The Body of Christ - enabled and empowered to love the world in your Holy Name. Amen.

HYMN **MV 154** *Deep In Our Hearts*

- 1** Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.
- 2** Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.
- 3** Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.
- 4** Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

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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.**

SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 8: 1 - 3, 5 - 6, 8 - 10;

First Corinthians 12: 12 - 31a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 691 *Though Ancient Walls*

1 Through ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!

Refrain:

**Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!**

2 When vested power stands firm entrenched
and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack. **R**

3 The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
For self and world made new. **R**

4 The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;
A unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name! **R**

5 This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery! **R**

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COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

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

There Is No Child (Carol of the Least Child)

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Guest Minister

Rev. Phil Hobbs has been preaching and leading worship in our United Church of Canada for more than 50 years. After early retirement in 2010, Rev. Phil offered creative leadership to congregations in transition until the end of 2020 - serving congregations in Prince Edward County, Quinte West, Belleville and Peterborough. Phil lives with his wife Carol in Picton where they tend their flower gardens and enjoy spending time with their resident granddaughter.

Co-Liturgist	Linda Steinberg
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Reader	Anja Troje
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers Choir
Sound & Media Tech	Brigitta Holzschuh
Technical Chair	Nick Steinberg

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUgl1tZaiRji18sFwj2P2Q>

UPCOMING SERVICES

Jan. 30: Rev Wendy Maclean