



CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

Rev. Wendy MacLean
Moonrocks and Ministry

10:30 am January 30, 2022
4th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Siciliano - John Alcock Jr., ed. C.H. Trevor

WORDS OF WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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

When the ways of the world wear us down,
with constant demands or unrealistic expectations,
we are invited to find refuge in God's grace.
Together, in worship, this is where we find our home.

When the morning sun is reflected off the snow,
and the skies open like a blue gift of joy,
we are invited to see God's creating presence.
Together in worship we are being made new.

Come, find refuge, find hope.
Hear the Spirit call you Beloved.
Together, in worship, let our souls sing praise.
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

**Meet us here, Holy One,
in this sanctuary of time and space
that we have set apart in our week
as an opening for your Spirit
into our hearts and homes.
In a world that is aching and divided
may our prayers be a gentle and soothing gift
offered in your name, in the spirit of your gathered ones
across time and space. Amen.**

MV 172 *God Says*

1 God says, "Be still so you may hear the words
I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen, you will know I'm with you always
where you go."

2 God says, "Look up and see the prize
I've placed here right before your eyes.
Find Beauty in the things of earth,
a cause for wonder and rebirth."

3 God says, God says, "Come here! I need your voice.
Please teach my people to rejoice.
In who you are, in what you do,
your life will show my love for you.:

4 God says, "Reach out! The world's in need
and wants a word, a song, a deed.
I send you forth to speak, to sing,
to act for Christ in everything.

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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

Luke 4: 16 – 30

*Jesus reads the ancient text of the prophet Isaiah
in his hometown synagogue. The people have a strong response.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

A NEW CREED

VU 918

Douglas MacLean

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We Trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil.
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

trad VU 914

HYMN VU 371 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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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

Prelude in e minor - J.S. Bach or J. L. Krebs

UPCOMING SERVICES

Feb. 6: Rev. Terry Deline

Feb 13: Rev. Ian Mackay

Feb. 20: Rev. Paul Currie (on Westbrook's zoom)

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister **Rev. Wendy MacLean** was ordained in 1997 and settled to a ministry of Christian nurture and spirituality at Queen Street United Church in Kingston. Over her years of ministry, working with small spirituality groups has been a highlight. In 2003, she moved to the Eastern Townships, Quebec, to the Cowansville Pastoral Charge.

She has never been in a congregation that was not in transition of some sort, and her interest in emerging models of ministry led to her next appointment as Vision and Transformation Minister with Montreal Presbytery. After serving in this creative role, she returned to Ontario to a small rural charge in Lyn, Ontario. Wendy retired from congregational ministry in July 2021, to take up a new ministry of Spiritual Direction.

Wendy's roots with Chalmers go back to her grandmother, who was active in the work of the church from 1942 until she was unable to attend in person (in the 1970's) The radio broadcast was a godsend for her, and she regularly showed Wendy the Chalmers newsletters and copies of sermons from Lois Wilson. When Wendy's parents, Jean and Doug MacLean, retired to Kingston, they both took active roles in leadership at Chalmers.

Wendy is an award-winning poet and lyricist, with works commissioned and sung by choirs internationally. She has been thrilled to see her collaborations with Mark Sirett sung by the Cantabile Choirs. She is looking forward to the publication of her third book of poetry, *On Small Wings* sometime this year.

Co-Liturgist	Linda Steinberg
Organist	Juliet Milsome
Readers	Douglas MacLean, Nick Steinberg
Hymn Singers	Members of Chalmers Choir
Sound & Media Tech	Brigitta Holzschuh, Dylan Lodge
Technical Chair	Nick Steinberg

Please view the service online on Chalmers' YouTube channel link found on the Chalmers United Church, Kingston Home Page.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUgl1tZaiRji18sFwjzP2Q>



**A Note
hand-delivered
to the
Benevolent Fund Team**

We would like to share this note with you, the congregation,
to thank you for your support to this program.
It is truly a reminder to us, why we do what we do!

Dear wonderful Chalmers Food Program Ladies

*You called me to inform me that there was a problem with the
grocery cards you gave me. It turned out that one was absolutely
fine and the other did not work. I dropped by to see if I could find
toilet paper in the Blessing Box and realized you were closed.*

*I hope you are all well, for I am concerned that Covid may have
struck. I recently had a second booster, yet my niece's family in
Ottawa are all ill, but are pulling through ok.*

I digress.

*A replacement card would be helpful for these are difficult times for
all. If it is not possible, I understand.*

Thank you and God bless you all.

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PS

I am looking for a bachelor apt. \$600 max. no pets,
no smoking, university educated, clean, quiet, peaceful, thoughtful.

PPS

Thank you for all of the wonderful help you have given.
You have made a major difference!



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