

# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

The United Church of Canada



Guest Minister  
the Rev. Dr. Paul Currie  
"Don't Hold on to Me"

Sunday, April 17, 2022  
Easter  
10:30 am

## **Covid Precautions**

We have returned to in-person services and are loosening some previous restrictions. Certain restrictions still remain for the time being such as – double vaccinations, masks at all times, social distancing, screening and registering at the door.

**Bold Text** *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Introduction - Choral from Suite Gothique - L. Boellmann*

### 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.

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ has risen.  
All: **Christ has risen indeed.**  
God is alive . . .  
**new birth is given.**  
Hope is alive . . .  
**a new age is dawning.**  
Joy is alive . . .  
**redemption is here.**  
Love is alive . . .  
**death cannot harm us.**  
We are alive . . .  
**new life is within us.**  
The church is alive . . .  
**God's Spirit is within us.**  
**Let us celebrate the God of resurrection!**

#### CENTERING PRAYER

One: Sing praises to God, you faithful,  
give thanks to God's holy name!  
All: **Weeping may linger for a night,**  
**but joy comes in the morning.**  
*God turns our weeping to dancing*  
*and clothes us in gladness.*  
**May we praise God and not be silent!**  
**Thanks to you, O God, forever! Amen.**

**HYMN VU 161** *Welcome Happy Morning*

Dressing the Sanctuary

**1** Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;  
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today:  
come then, True and Faithful, now fulfil your word;  
this is your third morning: rise, O buried Lord!

**Refrain:**

**Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;  
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!**

**2** Earth with joyful welcome clothes itself for spring;  
greet with life reviving our returning king:  
flowers in every pasture, leaves on every bough,  
speak of sorrows ended; Jesus triumphs now! **R**

**3** Author and sustainer, source of life and breath;  
you for our salvation trod the path of death:  
Jesus Christ is living, God for evermore!  
Now let all creation hail him and adore. **R**

**4** Loose our souls imprisoned, bound with Satan's chain;  
all that now is fallen, raise to life again!  
Show your face in brightness, shine the whole world through;  
hope returns with daybreak, life returns with you. **R**

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## 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.**

### READING

Acts 10: 34 - 43

Barb Fletcher

John 20: 1 - 18

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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, with justice, love and praise.

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**MEDITATION**

the Rev. Dr. Paul Currie

*Don't Hold on to Me*

Moderator's Easter Message.

video: <https://youtu.be/NkOXnwyoiV4>

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

**OFFERING AND PRESENTATION**

**DOXOLOGY**

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

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

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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#### 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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### BENEDICTION

From this Easter festival,  
we go forth to live resurrection:  
In the name of the God who makes us,  
in the name of the Christ who makes us free,  
in the name of the Spirit who makes us one.  
Amen.

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

#### HYMN *Go on your way in Joy, my Friends*

"Go on your way in joy, my friends!  
Go on your way in joy, my friends!  
Go on your way in joy, my friends!  
Let your left foot say 'Glory!'  
and your right say, 'Amen!'"

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### POSTLUDE

*Prelude in the Classic Style* - Gordon Young

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are on display  
 from members of the congregation  
 in celebration of Easter.



## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

### **Guest Minister**

**the Rev. Dr. Paul Currie**

Paul is a retired United Church minister, who began his ministry as a Candidate from Chalmers United Church in Kingston. Over more than four decades he has practiced ministry in southern Manitoba, as well as southwestern and eastern Ontario. While serving in Kingston during the 1990's Paul had the honour of both chairing Kingston Presbytery and presiding over the Bay of Quinte Conference. As well as graduating from Queen's with his M. Div., Paul's D. Min. is from Detroit's Ecumenical Theological College, and his Certificate in Conflict Management and Mediation from Conrad Grebel University in Waterloo. He is a Volunteer Associate Minister with the congregation of Edith Rankin Memorial, where he and his wife, Debbie, sing in the choir.

### **Co-Liturgist**

Linda Steinberg

### **Organist**

Juliet Milsome

### **Trumpeter**

Todd Wright

### **Reader**

Barb Fletcher

### **Hymn Singers**

Members of Chalmers Choir

### **Media Techs**

Brigitta Holzschuh, Dylan Lodge,

Nick Steinberg

### **Technical Chair**

Nick Steinberg

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**10:00am Friday, April 15: Good Friday:** ecumenical service at St James Anglican, in person or online at  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJamesAnglicanChurchKingstonOntario>

**10:30am Sunday, April 24:** the Rev. Paul Currie

**10:30am Sunday, May 1:** Dr. Anja Troje on Mental Health



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Please view the service online later on  
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the Chalmers United Church, Kingston Home  
Page.

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

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