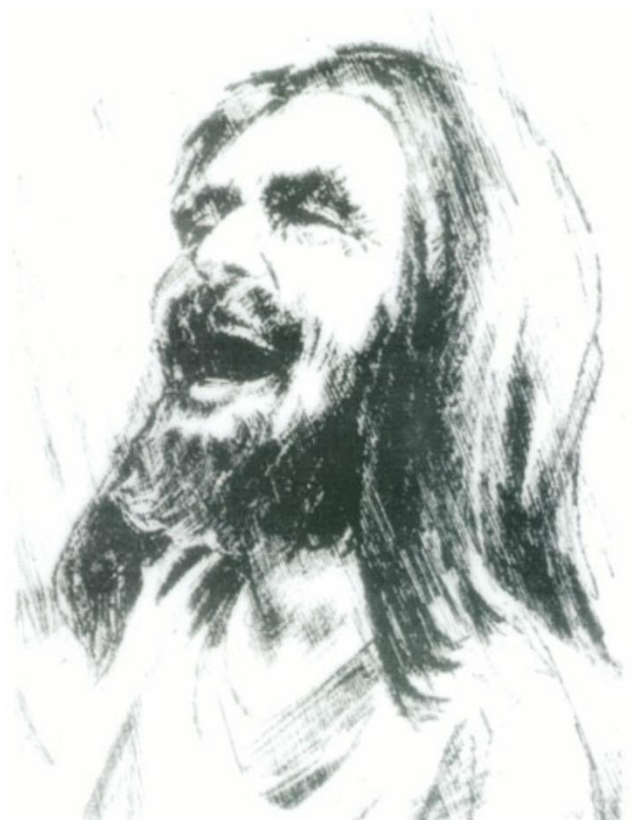


CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

The United Church of Canada



Guest Minister
the Rev. Dr. Paul Currie
"Jesus is the Life of the Party"

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Easter Two

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

Aria - Noel Rawsthorne

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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: This is the season of Easter:
All: the celebration of resurrection,
the festival of hope,
the promise of new beginnings,
the dance of faith,
the song of joy,
the music of gladness,
the hymn of love.
Let us worship our life-giving God!

CENTERING PRAYER

One: God of power, God of people,
you are the life of all that lives,
energy that fills the earth,
vitality that brings to birth,
impetus in making whole
whatever is bruised or broken.
In you we grow to know the truth
that sets all creation free.
All: You are the song the whole earth sings,
the promise liberation brings,
now and forever. Amen.

HYMN VU 164 *The Day of Resurrection*

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain
Christ's own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

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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.**

READING

VU Page 874 *Psalm 150*

Florence Boyd

Refrain:

Praise to the Lord, Hallelujah!
Everybody praise the Lord.

Praise God in the holy temple!
Praise God for mighty deeds!
Praise God for bountiful mercies,
Praise God who meets all our needs! R

Praise God with sound of trumpet!
Praise God with lute and harp!
Praise God with timbrel and dancing!
Praise God wherever you are! R

Praise God with holy cymbals!
Praise God with strings and with pipes!
Praise God with clash of cymbals!
Praise God with all your might! R

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John 20: 19 – 31

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN **VU 624** *Give to Us Laughter*

1 Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.
Laughter can banish so much of our strife.
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

2 Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy;
let us in laughing find Christian employ,
joining with stars and with bright northern lights,
laughing and praising and sharing delights.

3 Why do we worry that we will lose face?
Why act like king for the whole human race?
Often in family, and often with friend,
laughing at pride causes anguish to end.

4 Even in sorrow and hours of grief,
laughter with tears brings most healing relief.
God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace,
joys of your presence among us increase.

5 Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha,

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MEDITATION

the Rev. Dr. Paul Currie

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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

VU Page 959 THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

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HYMN VU 151 *Lift High the Cross*

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Saviour trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name. **R**

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in unity combine.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name. **R**

3 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name. **R**

4 Saviour, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name. **R**

5 So shall our song of triumph ever be
praise to the Crucified for victory.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name. **R**

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BENEDICTION

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

Hornpipe

from book of early 19th century tunes, arr. by Robin Milford 1937



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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.

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Reader	Florence Boyd
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UPCOMING SERVICES

10:30am Sunday, May 8: Rev. Dr. Bill Morrow
10:30am Sunday, May 15: Rev. Dr. Don Misener
10:30am Sunday, May 22: TBA
10:30am Sunday, May 29: Rev. Ian Mackay

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