

# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



Guest Minister

The Rev. Dr. Paul Currie

"But You Do Not Always Have Me"

Sunday, April 3, 2022

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

*God So Loved the World* - J. Stainer

arr. for piano duet by Janet Greck

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### 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: May the God of grace be welcome in our midst.

**All: May we receive the power and peace of divine love.**

One: Come let us worship with our hearts and minds and bodies.

**All: Let us become one seeking justice and compassion.**

One: Blessed be God who challenges, heals, and unites us.

**All: Blessed be our learning and blessed be our vision.**

One: Blessed be God who inspires all things to be new.

#### CENTERING PRAYER

One: Creating God, still Centre of the world you have made,  
we come to you in this season of turning and returning.

**All: We do not know how to seek you with our whole hearts,  
but we know you are our source and our destiny.**

One: In the midst of life,  
we return to you, we turn toward you.

**All: We thank you that you receive even the broken heart,  
the troubled conscience, the conflicted spirit. Amen.**

**HYMN VU 651** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**1** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

**2** Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

**3** When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

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Williams 1771 Fre. Trans. Flossette du Pasquier 1951 Music: John Hughes 1905  
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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

Philippians 3: 10-14

Janice Moncrieff

John 12: 1-8

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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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**MEDITATION**

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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.

Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674 Music: Genevan Psalter 1551

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### PASTORAL PRAYER

**HYMN VU 959** *Lord's Prayer*

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 642** *Be Thou My Vision, O Joy Of My Heart*

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Words: Irish ca. 8<sup>th</sup> century, trans. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905, vers. Eleanor H. Hull  
1912, alt. Music: Irish Traditional melody

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## BENEDICTION

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

**HYMN VU 612** *There is a Balm in Gilead* solo by Janice Moncrieff

**Refrain:** **There is a balm in Gilead**  
**to make the wounded whole.**  
**There is a balm in Gilead**  
**to heal the sin-sick soul.**

Words: African-American Spiritual

Music: African-American Spiritual, harm. David Hurd 1983

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### POSTLUDE

*Largo* - G.F. Handel

arr. for piano duet - Ernest Haywood



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in loving memory of  
**Norma and Clare Horton**  
**and Freda and Bill Fletcher**  
from Barb and Al Fletcher



## 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

### **Pianists**

Marian Holobow, Juliet Milsome

### **Soloist**

Janice Moncrieff

### **Reader**

Janice Moncrieff

### **Hymn Singers**

Members of Chalmers Choir

### **Media Techs**

Brigitta Holzschuh, Dylan Lodge,  
Murray Anderson

### **Technical Chair**

Nick Steinberg

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**10:30am Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday:** The Rev. Paul Currie

**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 17 - Easter Sunday:** The Rev. Paul Currie

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



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