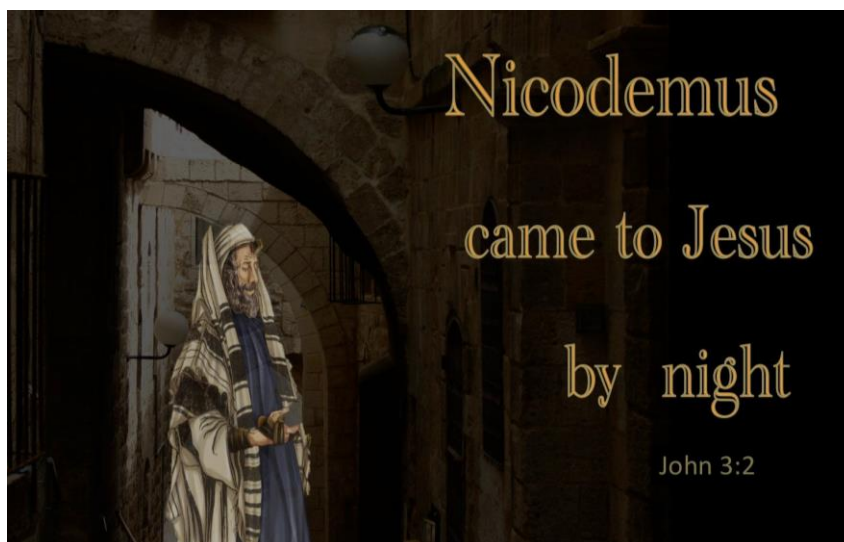


CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



Guest Minister
Rev. Dr. Don Misener
"Nicodemus and a Call to Trust"

Sunday, March 20, 2022
Third Sunday in Lent
10:30 am

Covid Precautions

We are returning to in-person services
but we will continue to practise
our previous COVID protocols for the time being -
such as double vaccinations, masks at all times, social distancing,
screening and registering at the door, etc.

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Le Prie-Dieu (A Meditation) - George Oldroyd

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: Daily our news confronts us with how vicious mankind can be toward neighbours.

All: We feel the hurt of those who are suffering the consequences of war in Ukraine.

One: We pray for comfort and strength for those who are suffering and sustaining grace for those who are reaching out with compassion.

All: It is hard to bear witness to the daily toll of cruelty and we are also being confronted by the shortcomings of the efforts to stop the violence.

One: As we gather in worship today we are reminded afresh of the inclusive love of God that such cruelty offends, a love that arouses our compassion, and our anger and calls us to action.

All: Remind us in our worship of what it is that makes for peacemaking and inspire the will and wisdom to find a way.

CENTERING PRAYER

Today we give thanks for the opportunity to give expression to the inner struggles aroused by the suffering of the victims of war. Awaken us afresh to the love Jesus lived that prevails in the midst of violence and gives the strength and companionship to find a way in the wilderness of suffering. We pray for courage for our leaders to choose the way of peace-making and to have the strength to persevere. As we as a congregation, journey through a time where we are being called to search out a way to bear witness to the love of God in our own community inspire us to see and help us to respond. Assure us that we do not walk alone in the search and in the decision-making. Remind us each step of the way that we are anchored by a Spirit that has weathered many challenges and can see us through to a new day. Amen.

HYMN VU 266 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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Music: from Virginia Harmony 1831

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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

Joan Egnatoff

Isaiah 55: 6-11

Psalms 63: 1-8

John 3: 1-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

DOXOLOGY

HYMN VU 540 *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

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Henry John Gauntlett 1861
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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

trad.

HYMN VU 658 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3 O Joy that sleekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

4 O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN VU 381 *Spirit of Life*

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

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POSTLUDE

Liturgical Improvisation No. 1 - George Oldroyd

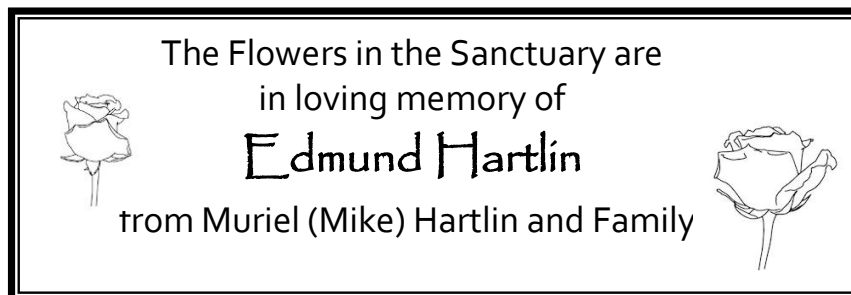
THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister **Rev. Dr. Don Misener** has provided a 40 plus year ministry as a nationally certified Teaching Supervisor of Clinical Pastoral Education in Ontario and Saskatchewan in prison settings, in hospitals and in congregations. Teamed with his wife Bonnie a ministry of lay pastoral care education has also been provided for churches and institutions. They have three sons and 9 grandchildren.

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| Organist | Juliet Milsome |
| Reader | Joan Egnatoff |
| Hymn Singers | Members of Chalmers Choir |
| Media Techs | Brigitta Holzschuh, Dylan Lodge, Murray Anderson |
| Technical Chair | Nick Steinberg |

UPCOMING SERVICES

10:30am Sunday, March 27: Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe
10:30am Sunday, April 3: Rev. Paul Currie
10:30am Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday: 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: Rev. Paul Currie
10:30am Sunday, April 24: Rev. Paul Currie





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