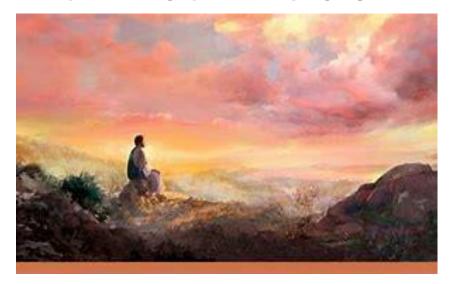
CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



Guest Minister Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe "Having a Devil of a Time"

> March 6, 2022 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.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude (op. 15 no. 1) - G. Merkel

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.

All: For forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to obtain food for his hungry body; wealth so that he could address both personal and communal need; and spiritual power to engage and awe. Despite his vulnerability he withstood.

One: Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

All: Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way.

CENTRING PRAYER

Loving God, you know our hearts and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more honestly follow you. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen

HYMN VU 108 Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights verses 1-3

- 1 Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way, where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter day.
- 2 The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God, who found in weakness greater power, embraces us, though lost and flawed, and leads us to his rising hour.
- 3 We bear the silence, cross, and pain of human burdens, human strife, while sisters, brothers help sustain our courage till the feast of life.

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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

Charmaine Puszkar

Luke 4: 1 - 13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 108 Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights verses 4-6

4 And though the road is hard and steep, the Spirit ever calls us on through Calvary's dying, dark and deep, until we see the coming dawn.

5 So let us choose the path of one who wore, for us, the crown of thorn, and slept in death, that we might wake to life on Resurrection Morn!

6 Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing and shout hosannas! Raise the strain! For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings, on Easter day will live again!

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SERMON Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe Having a Devil of a Time

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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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

trad.

HYMN VU 115 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

- 1 Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread: "Use your power," the tempter tells him; "turn these barren rocks to bread!" "Not alone by bread,: he answers, can the human heart be filled. Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!"
- 2 Jesus, tempted at the temple, high above its ancient wall: "Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!" Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request: "God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test."
- 3 Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain: "Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you're sure to gain: Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way: "God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!"
- 4 When we face temptation's power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread, Christ, who knew the tempter's hour, come and be our living bread. By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall, your trust betray. Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

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BENEDICTION

Go in peace and in the sure and faithful knowledge that God goes before you to lead the way; beside you as companion and behind to encourage and inspire.

Be light before us, beside us and behind us as we make our way through this week and the path to Calvary. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN VU 619 Healer of Our Every Ill

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Refrain:

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

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POSTLUDE

Fughetta in B flat - Georg A. Surge

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister

The Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe

Nadene was born and raised in Hamilton. She did her undergraduate work at McMaster and studied theology at Queen's. She completed a Doctor of Ministry at McMaster Divinity College. She has served pastorates in Manitoba and Eastern Ontario and retired on September 30, 2020 from Cooke's-Portsmouth Church, Kingston. She is married to Michael and they have three living daughters and are proud grandparents to three grandchildren. Nadene anticipates enjoying her retirement as Covid restrictions and waves ebb.

Co-LiturgistLinda SteinbergOrganistJuliet MilsomeReaderCharmaine Puszkar

Hymn Singers Members of Chalmers Choir **Media Techs** Brigitta Holzschuh, Dylan Lodge,

Bill Egnatoff

Technical Chair Nick Steinberg

UPCOMING SERVICES

10:30am Sunday, March 13 Chalmers' Worship focus:

Our Call and Our Vision—Inspiration from the United Church of Canada Planned by the Worship Circle Open discussion to follow in McCallum Hall

10:30am Sunday, March 20 Rev. Don Misener

10:30am Sunday, March 27 Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe



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