

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

The United Church of Canada



Guest Speaker

Dr. Anja Troje

"You Deserve to be Comforted"

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Easter Three

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

Voluntary and Air - H. Purcell

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: We gather in the presence of the One who abandons no one.

All: Come Holy Spirit, our healer and comforter.

One: All are welcome in this sacred place, made holy through your presence with us. O God, who has created each of us in your image and made us one body, each as holy vessels of your presence to one another, create in and among us a holy place.

All: Gather us together to be your people in the world.

One: In Jesus' name we pray

CENTERING PRAYER

God, help us to trust your Spirit's work to make us whole, in relationships of mutuality and partnership, in sacred rhythms of giving and receiving. Give us hearts and minds, we pray, to be open to human vulnerability, to listen to each other with patient and thoughtful attention and support. To perceive the grace of the differences in our embodied experience, to resist what excludes and diminishes, and to dismantle what acts as barriers to flourishing together in love and justice. Amen

HYMN VU 628 *Come, My Way, My Truth*

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

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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

HYMN **VU** page 807 *Psalm 91* *sung*

Refrain: **And I will raise you up on eagle's wings**
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand.

You who dwell in the shelter of your God,
who abide in God's shadow for life,
say to your God: My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!
The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under God's wings Your refuge,
God's faithfulness Your shield. R

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.
For to the angels is given a command to guard you
in all your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. R
"Because they have set their love upon me I will deliver them,
I will uphold them because they know my name.
When they call to me I will answer.
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue and bring them to honour'.
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my saving Power" R

John 6: 16 -21

Charmaine Puszkas

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

HYMN VU 613 *We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

- 1 We cannot measure how You heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
- 2 The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
- 3 But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.
- 4 Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.
- 5 So some have come who need Your help
and some have come to make amends;
your hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
- 6 Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make Your broken people whole.

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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.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 703 *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

- 1 In the bulb there is a flower,
in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season
something God alone can see.
- 2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future,
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season
something God alone can see.
- 3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory.
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

Toccata - Michelle Leclerc

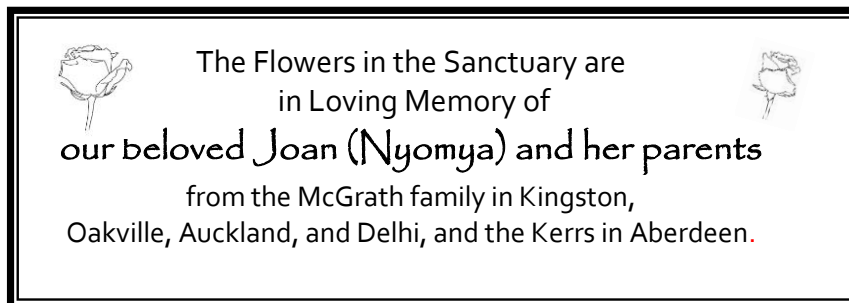
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Guest Speaker **Dr. Anja Troje** Dr. Anja Troje is a registered Psychotherapist and Homeopath in Kingston, Ontario. She started out as a medical doctor in surgery, but realized soon that she rather helped people by listening than by performing surgery. Before moving with her family to Canada she worked for several years in psychiatric hospitals in Germany both on acute wards and in a day clinic setting. In her PhD she researched the social development of adults with autism. She also did a three year post-graduate specialisation in homeopathy, a holistic medical system that supports a person's natural healing process. After arriving in Canada she joined the Counselling Services of Queen's University where she worked as a psychotherapist for 15 years. In 2005 she also started a private practice for Psychotherapy and Homeopathy where she continues to see some Queen's students alongside patients of all ages.

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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 15: Rev. Ian Mackay





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