

# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

The United Church of Canada



Guest Minister  
Rev. Dr. Don Misener  
"A Rabbi's Gift"

Sunday, May 15, 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**

*Voluntary* - John Stanley

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

Let us acknowledge that we are living, learning, working and playing on the traditional and sacred land of the Anishnabee, Hodinosaunee and Huron Wendat people. Let us honour this land by showing respect to all creation- the animals, the plants and the waters that surround us. Let us learn from those that have come before us, educate ourselves by listening to their stories, their songs, their history and their rich traditions. Let us acknowledge their pain and grief. Let us celebrate their contributions to this land, with deep gratitude and respect. Thank you- Migwetch

### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME**

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our Statement of faith concludes "in life, in death in life beyond death God is with us, we are not alone", and assures us of God's transforming presence in our personal journey of faith and in our journey as a community of faith. As we gather today in worship we once more affirm the presence of a God who meets us in all the seasons of life and empowers new beginnings. Thanks be to God.

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**In this season of our life as a community of Jesus' followers we face many challenges and many opportunities. Help us in our worship today to welcome both with the assurance of your resurrecting presence. Unburden us from a past we cannot change; inspire us to embrace a future in which we can be changed and assure us of your guidance and your empowering presence in this journey. Amen**

**HYMN MV 79** *Spirit, Open My Heart*

**Refrain:**

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.**

**1** God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. **R**

**2** Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. **R**

**3** May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. **R**

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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

John 13: 31 -35

Janice Moncrieff

Revelation 21: 1 - 6

Heather Faris

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN VU 619** *Healer of Our Every Ill*

**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. **R**

2 In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. R

3 Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. R

4 You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. R

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**MEDITATION**  
*A Rabbi's Gift*

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COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

**OFFERING AND PRESENTATION**

**DOXOLOGY VU 543** *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

V.1

We give thee but thine own,  
what e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O God, from thee.

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**A TIME OF REFLECTION,  
HEALING  
AND MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE**

**PRAYER VU 948**

O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer:  
when I call answer me.  
O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer:  
come and listen to me.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Our Father who art in heaven,  
**All: Our healer who is everywhere,**  
One: Hallowed be your name.  
**All: You are most holy.**  
One: Your kingdom come,  
**All: May your love surround us,**  
One: Your will be done,  
**All: Guide us to make restorative choices,**  
One: On earth as it is in heaven.  
**All: Today, tomorrow and for all eternity.**  
One: Give us this day our daily bread,  
**All: Provide us with what we need to nourish our bodies,  
minds and spirits,**  
One: And forgive us our trespasses,  
**All: Forgive us for having caused hurt to others,**  
One: As we forgive those who trespass against us,  
**All: Teach us to forgive those who have hurt us and build our  
capacity for compassion and understanding.**  
One: Deliver us from evil,  
**All: Protect us and keep us safe,**  
One: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
**All: To you we give all glory, praise and honour,**  
One: Forever,  
**All: Always,**  
One: Amen.  
**All: May it be so.**

### HYMN MV 144 *Like a Healing Stream*

1 Like a healing stream in a barren desert,  
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,  
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,  
promising revival and rebirth...  
like a healing stream.

2 Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,  
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,  
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,  
yearning for an end to want and need...  
like a gentle rain.

3 Like a river strong with a restless current,  
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,  
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,  
calling for an end to hate and war...  
like a river strong.

4 Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,  
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,  
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:  
God will always challenge and provide!  
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong, like a gentle rain, like a  
healing stream.

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#### **BENEDICTION**

As we go out into the world,  
remember that life is short  
and we do not have too much time to gladden  
the hearts of those who travel the way with us.  
So be swift to love  
and make haste to be kind and just.

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Rigaudon* - Jean-Philippe Mouret

## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

### Guest Minister

**Rev. Dr. Don Misener** is a graduate of McMaster University and Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts where he received his Doctor of Ministry in 1973. In 1968 Don was ordained to gospel ministry with the Baptist Convention of Ontario. He transferred his ordination credentials to the United Church of Canada in 2002. Over the course of his professional career in Canada and the U.S., his Ministry has included Chaplaincy with the Correctional Service of Canada, being a Clinical Pastoral and Spiritual Care educator, as a Faculty member at Theological Colleges and for the Church, and serving as a Pastoral Minister. Don and his wife Bonnie have collaborated as educators over their careers. They enjoy spending time with their family of 3 sons and daughters-in-laws and 9 grandchildren. Don continues to provide pulpit supply, spiritual direction, future direction planning and pastoral consultation.

### Co-Liturgists

Janice Moncrieff, Heather Faris

### Guest Organist

Dr. Mark Sirett

### Readers

Janice Moncrieff, Heather Faris

### Hymn Singers

Members of Chalmers Choir

### Media Techs

Brigitta Holzschuh, Dylan Lodge

### Technical Chair

Nick Steinberg

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**10:30am Sunday, May 22:** *Honouring Our Past* - Special In-House Service

**10:30am Sunday, May 29:** Rev. Ian Mackay

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are  
in Loving Memory of  
**Maureen, Laretta, and Bob Galt**  
and **Ruth & Tom Burns**  
from Cathy and Bill Galt





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