



SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS  
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA



## SHARING WORSHIP “LISTEN FOR THE QUESTIONS”

10:30 am JANUARY 26, 2020

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**Church Office:** 613-546-3263 ext.222

**Open:** 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Mon. - Thurs.

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.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**January Services** are at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham St.

**February Services** are at Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie St.

**Assists** Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

**Growing Spirits** Children are invited to meet with Hope Yen and Lynn Freeman in the Conference Room, First Floor, when prompted.

**Washrooms** are in the office foyer area through the right front doors of the Sanctuary.

**Song Books** **VU** *Voices United* **MV** *More Voices*

**Ringers Off** on electronic devices, please. Thank you.

**Prayers of the People** Prayer requests for persons ill (with permission) and for global, national and local concerns may be given to a Greeter at the front door.

## CHURCHES

**Sydenham Street United Church** as an Affirming Congregation seeks to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity, informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible, and discerning the call of the Trinity as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life.

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**Chalmers United Church** is a community of God's people who embrace Christian tradition and encourage new ideas. We gather to: Celebrate God's love; Search and be challenged; Nurture and be nurtured. We seek to: Welcome all who come; engage all ages in Ministry; be guided by faith in daily life; and be a compassionate, hopeful presence in the world. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. (1997)

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10:30 am Sundays

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## OFFICE HOURS

**Chalmers and Sydenham St Church House Office:**

Mon to Thurs 9:30am-4:30pm

**The Spire/SSUC Office:** Tuesday to Thursday 9 am to noon

**For bulletin materials please use: [bulletin@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com](mailto:bulletin@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com)**

Please send announcements by end of day Monday, or late editions by end of day Tuesday for inclusion the following Sunday.

**"The trouble with deep belief is that it costs something. And there is something inside me, some selfish beast of a subtle thing that doesn't like the truth at all because it carries responsibility, and if I actually believe these things I have to do something about them. It is so, so cumbersome to believe anything. And it isn't cool."**

Donald Miller, *Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality*, 21st century

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*☞☞ indicates you are invited to rise in body and spirit as you are able*

**Bold Text** *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

#### CHORAL PRELUDE

*'Mein Jesu, der du mich'* - Johannes Brahms

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

#### INTROIT

*We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky* - M. Haugen

#### GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

It is a sacred time, this. And a sacred place, this.

**A place for questions more profound than answers,  
vulnerability more powerful than strength,  
and a peace that can pass all understanding.**

It is a sacred time, this.

*☞☞ MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts*

#### CENTERING PRAYER

**Holy One of surprises, startle us with truth we do not see,  
amaze us with your power and grace, beckon us, and  
lead us far above restricted hope and narrow faith.  
May it be so with us.**

*Children may leave for their programs.*

# WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

## A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We open now to Sacred Mystery, to the Holy One,  
infinitely greater than words can express,  
whose love for us and all creation  
exceeds our capacity to imagine. Amen.

Matthew 20: 1-16

Mary Ev Wyatt

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God**

## ANTHEM

*We are not Alone* - FRC Clarke

## SERMON

**"LISTEN FOR THE QUESTIONS"**

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☪☪ MV 174 *Soil of God, You and I*

# COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

## OFFERTORY

*Quem Pastores 'Come, your hearts and voices raising,  
Christ the Lord with gladness praising'* - Healey Willan.

## PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

☪☪ VU 82 *A Light Is Gleaming (refrain only)*

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
throughout the night, living in the light.  
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love  
is burning bright, living in the light.

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*paraphrased*)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be.  
Father and Mother of us all, loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen

🌀 VU 578 *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

### BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

#### POSTLUDE

On Dundee 'The People that in Darkness Sat'

C. Hubert H. Parry

### TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

**Greeters:** Mike Hartlin, Bill Galt, Mary Ev Wyatt

**Counter:** Jane MacEwen

### COMING UP

#### Thursday, Jan. 23

- **12 pm: Thursday, catered lunches** will take place in MacCallum Hall.

#### Saturday, Jan. 25

- **11am: Flute Choir** will resume rehearsals at Chalmers in the Sanctuary.

#### Sunday, Jan. 26

- **Chalmers' Congregational Discussion/Q&A** of the Joint Review Report on the Implementation of the Shared Ministry/Staffing Plan between Chalmers and Sydenham St. United Churches December 2019. We will meet at Chalmers in MacCallum Hall immediately following the service at Sydenham Street.
- **Sydenham Street Congregational Meeting** is called for following worship today in the Lower Hall at SSUC to discuss and approve the Budget for 2020; and to discuss the Joint Review Report on the Implementation of the Shared Ministry/Staffing Plan between Chalmers and Sydenham St. United Churches December 2019.

## Tuesday, Jan. 28

- **11 am to 1 pm: Prayer Shawl meeting** in the Sydenham St. Upper kitchen. Join us for some knitting, crocheting, tea and conversation. Bring a bag lunch along with any prayer shawls you have managed to complete during the fall & winter and of course your knitting/crocheting. We have lots of donated wool waiting for someone to knit or crochet. Everyone is welcome! For more info contact Sue Doerksen, [sdoerksen@yahoo.ca](mailto:sdoerksen@yahoo.ca), 613-766-3254.

## Sunday, Feb. 2

- **Congregational Meeting** for Chalmers' Members and Adherents to conduct a vote by secret ballot on the options outlined in the Joint Review Report: Option 1 to renew our congregations' prior commitment to shared worship and staffing with recommendations outlined in the review report OR Option 2 to end our existing collaboration and abandon the approved shared/ministry staffing plans.
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## Friday, Feb. 7

- **Just Lunch:** Our first lunch for 2020, sponsored by SSUC, and open to all members and friends of both congregations, will be held at The Greek Islands Restaurant on the north side of the Bath Rd, east of Portsmouth Ave. We gather at 12 noon, and order individually from the lunch menu. We need to give the restaurant a good estimate of numbers so please RSVP to Meikle Turner 613-542-7744 or by e-mail [meikle\\_irish@yahoo.com](mailto:meikle_irish@yahoo.com) by 5 pm on Wed. Feb. 5.

## February 11

- **Hold the date for the Two Church Lunch and Learn Group:** The speaker will be Don Amos from the Seniors Association on *We're more than you think!*. Please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or [meikle\\_irish@yahoo.com](mailto:meikle_irish@yahoo.com) to book in.

### **Saturday, Feb. 15**

- **6pm: Refugee Sponsorship Concert** Our churches and associated community members have helped 5 new families and one individual settle in Canada through the Inter-Faith Refugee Partnership (IFRP). IFRP is currently supporting another more recent sponsoring group called Peaceful Golan, composed largely of Syrian new Canadians, including Tarek Hamdan, one of the first we sponsored. They are raising funds to cover the sponsorship of an extended family unit. Please join us and enjoy some classical music and Taiko drumming at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in support of Peaceful Golan. Refreshments will follow.

### **Sunday, Feb. 16**

- **7 pm: Sunday Perspectives presents *Clemency*** at the Screening Room, 120 Princess St. Years of carrying out death row executions have taken a toll on prison warden Bernadine Williams (Alfre Woodard). As she prepares to execute another inmate, Bernadine must confront the psychological and emotional demons her job creates, ultimately connecting her to the man she is sanctioned to kill. Sunday Perspectives is a monthly series that offers an opportunity to explore connections between contemporary culture and the realm of the Spirit, with a brief period of discussion following the screening of a specially selected contemporary film. All are welcome to attend and participate. Hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Chalmers United, and St. Mark's Lutheran.

## *Thank You*

- **The Christmas Basket Campaign:** was a great success this year due to the generous donation of food, money and time by the congregations of Sydenham Street United, Princess Street United and Chalmers United Churches. A special thanks to the management and staff at Food Basics on Princess Street for all their efforts and donations again this year to our campaign. With the help of over 28 volunteers we were able to pack and deliver food baskets to 34 families; meaning a traditional Christmas dinner for over 105 individuals, of which 29 were children. On behalf of the Social Justice and Outreach Committee and the Tuesday Morning Voucher Group at Sydenham Street United Church, I would like to thank all those who volunteered and donated to help provide a better Christmas for needy families in our community.  
Kirby Ruthven, 2019 Christmas Basket Coordinator

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Worshipping Sundays Together  
at Sydenham Street in January and  
at Chalmers in February