

**CHALMERS AND SYDENHAM STREET  
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA  
SHARING WORSHIP**



**“EUCHARISTIC PROTEST: TAKE-EAT-DRINK-DO!”**

**10:30 AM      FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

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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

**February Services** are at Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie St.  
**March Services** are at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham 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 Clergy St foyer, when prompted.

**Washrooms** are in the Clergy St. foyer.

**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 left at the Prayer Desk at the south back wall of the sanctuary. These will be brought to the Communion Table with the Offering and will be included in the Prayers.

## CHURCHES

**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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**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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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Chalmers and Sydenham St Church House Office:** Mon to Thurs 9:30 am-4:30 pm

**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.

**“Stop acting so small. You are the universe in ecstatic motion”- Rumi**

#### **4<sup>TH</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**

##### **PRELUDE**

*Sortie en Style Fugué sur l'Intonation on Credo in Unum Deum - Charles Gounod*

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

#### **GATHERING IN COMMUNITY**

Here we have gathered the elements of our lives and brought them

to this place – the joy of waking and living, the blush of health, the pain of illness, the grief of loss, the gift of love. Some of these we have carried a long way.

**All we have carried through the seasons of our lives has brought us here to this place which we make sacred by our coming together.**

Come, you are welcome here.

Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life

in this holy moment in time.

☐☐☐ **MV 1** *Let Us Build a House (verses 1, 2, 3, 5)*

**CENTERING PRAYER**

**Holy One in this sacred time, by the tender encouragement of Spirit, may the door of our hearts open just enough to remember what it's like to trust, to allow Spirit light to illumine and lead us back to you. Receive our confession, or our gratitude, or our concern for self or others....hear our silent meditation.**

*(silence)*

*Children may leave for their programs.*

**A 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.**

Luke 10: 25-28; 22: 14-20

Kendra Klages

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Blest are the Pure in Heart - R.S. Eaton*

**REFLECTION**

Rev. Barry King

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☐☐☐ **MV 146** *The Kingdom of God*

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY**

*Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele - J.S. Bach*

☐☐ **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.**

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## **PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

### **WELCOME**

And so we gather at the table.

We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race,  
differing in orientation, politics and even religion.

**As we come together around the table**

**we discover that our differences are not something we  
tolerate**

**but that our differences are indeed a blessing,  
the more difference we bring, the more fully we  
experience**

**the presence of the sacred in our midst.**

**So come, just as you are.**

Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here,  
here in this place, here in this community, here at this table.

Come, come and remember with us.

### **REMEMBRANCE**

We remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell,  
stories of bread broken and shared, feeding a multitude,  
stories of being gathered together, enemy and friend, around  
tables,

stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

They say that it was on a night of both celebration and betrayal  
that he took the bread leftover on the table, blessed it and broke  
it;

reminding them that it is in the breaking that we become whole,  
in losing our lives that we find them, in serving that we are  
served.

As the grain scattered becomes one in the loaf,  
when we eat this bread, we become one with one another.

They say that he took the cup also leftover on the table,  
poured out and sharing, remembering with them, the life-giving  
breath

even now pounding a rhythm through our veins,  
the breath of life from whence we come, the breath that precedes  
and follows all that we can see as the grapes find life in the  
vine, when we drink this cup, we become at one with the source of  
life itself.

So, with all the saints in heaven and on earth,  
we join our hearts in prayer for your church and our world.  
We pray for the church of Jesus Christ.  
We pray for the healing of creation and the healing of nations.  
We pray for those who are in sorrow or in pain. (*silence*)  
We pray for all who live with violence or injustice. (*silence*)  
Gather the cries of our hearts for your world,  
bringing hope and faith and love into being.

### BLESSING

**And so we pray: Come, holy Spirit, come.  
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.  
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes  
might be open,  
that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst,  
indeed in one another. Come, holy Spirit, come.**

### PRAYER OF JESUS

**Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,  
may your name be made holy, may your dominion  
come,  
may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today the bread we need; and forgive us our  
debts,  
as we have forgiven our debtors; and do not put us to  
the test, but rescue us from evil. For yours is the  
dominion,  
and the power, and the glory forever. (United Church  
of Christ-U.S.A. 1995)**

### COMMUNION

One: Let us break bread together.

**All: Together, we celebrate the festival of our liberation.**

BREAKING OF BREAD (Jesus the Bread of Life)

POURING OF WINE (Jesus the True Vine)

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please gather at one of the stations at the back or the front to  
receive communion. Communion is received by bread, as well as  
gluten-free wafers. To receive Communion in your pew, please  
indicate this when the usher arrives at your row.  
We will sing while communion is being served:*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**All: Filled with a Spirit that calls us to dwell in possibility,  
we leave this table strengthened with food for our  
journey  
and a vision of life as it can be: one diverse family,  
living in justice and peace. Amen.**

**HYMN** *Our Kindred Fellowships*

- 1 **As tranquil streams that meet and merge** And affirm a church that reveres the past,  
But frees the dawning future more;  
And bids the soul, in search of truth,  
Adventure boldly and explore.  
**And flow as one to seek the sea**  
**Our kindred fellowships unite**  
**To build a church that shall be free**
- 2 **Free from the bonds that bind the mind** 4 Prophetic church the future waits  
The liberating ministry;  
Go forward in the power of love,  
Proclaim the truth that makes us free.  
**To narrow thought and lifeless creed,**  
**Free from a social code that fails**  
**To serve the cause of human need.**

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**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE**

On *Old 104<sup>th</sup>* - Healey Willan

**TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU**

**Organist** Aurora Dokken **Flutist**  
Bill Egnatoff  
**Greeters** Monika Holzschuh, Kendra Klages  
**Hospitality** Barb Laidlaw, Gail Blackwood **Counter** Mary  
Davis Little **Sound Techs** Olivia O'Driscoll, Matthias Melhorn-Boe

**TODAY**

- **Benevolent Fund, SSUC:** On Sundays when we have communion our tradition is to invite our members to give a special offering to fund our food voucher program which helps our neighbours who are hungry to put food on their tables. This outreach ministry relies entirely for its financing on the free-will

offerings directed to supporting it; it receives no monies from our annual church budget. To contribute please indicate that your donation is to the SSUC Benevolent Fund.

Thank you. The Social Justice and Outreach Committee of SSUC

- **Chalmers Benevolent Fund:** You will find giving envelopes your bulletin for this heavily relied upon program by people in need which is entirely funded by your support. Winter is an especially difficult time.
- **Chalmers needs a new Transition Team member!**  
Wilmer Hill had to step down for personal reasons. We thank him for his service. There should be four members from each church, and Chalmers now needs one more person to be even. The Transition Team plays a vital and prescribed role in this period of interim ministry: members work collaboratively with our Intentional Interim Minister, Rev. Barry King, "to implement agreed upon goals and guide the community of faith in the process of determining its future mission." For more info or if you are interested in joining this essential and enthusiastic team, please contact a current Chalmers's team member: Al Fletcher, Monika Holzschuh, Rosemary MacLachlan or Rev. Barry King.
- **Congregational Meeting for Chalmers** members and adherents in the Hall to conduct a vote in 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.
- **Congregational Meeting for Sydenham Street** 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. This will be held in the Lower Hall at SSUC after the service, with a soup lunch.

### COMING UP

#### Thursday, Feb. 6

- **12 pm: Weekly catered lunch** will take place in MacCallum Hall. We are enjoying ethnic meals from various local restaurants.

#### 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 by 5 pm on Wed. Feb. 5.

### **Saturday, Feb. 8**

- **10 am: Flute Choir practice** will take place in the Chalmers's Sanctuary.

### **Tuesday Feb. 11**

- **11:30 am: Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet** at the Best Western Bistro Stefan Restaurant, 1217 Princess St. Our speaker will be Don Amos from the Seniors Assoc. on "We're more than you think!" Find out what all the Seniors Association is doing in Kingston. Everyone from Sydenham St and Chalmers and your friends are invited to attend. To attend this event, please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or meikle\_irish@yahoo.com . Meal reservations must be made by 5 pm on Sun. Jan. 12. Cost for the luncheon is \$22 per person. Our March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature Sgt. Carla Stacey from Kingston Police who will address seniors fraud in a talk titled "Stay on the safe side".
- **4 pm: Chalmers CCE** will meet in MacCallum Hall.

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

- **6 pm: 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 sponsoring an extended family unit. Please join us and enjoy some classical music, Taiko drumming and refreshments at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in support of Peaceful Golan.

### **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. All are welcome to attend and participate. Hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Chalmers United, and St. Mark's Lutheran.