



## SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS

UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA

### SHARING WORSHIP



### “HOW CAN WE SING IN A STRANGE LAND?”

10:30 am MARCH 15, 2020

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**Open:** 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Thursday

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

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

**April 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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[Facebook.com/Sydenham-Street-United-Church](https://Facebook.com/Sydenham-Street-United-Church)

**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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## 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.

"There is no greater agony than bearing  
an untold story inside you."

Maya Angelou

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

☞ 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

*Prelude VIII* - Harold E. Darke

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

### INTROIT

*Blessed Are Those Whose Offences Are Forgiven* - Charles Walker

### GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Come, you have a story to tell.

**Once we were lost and could not find our way,  
but Jesus who came to seek and show compassion, found us!**

Come you have a story to tell.

**Of being in prison, held by someone or something  
that would not let go.**

**Then one day, the dungeon shook, the chains fell off  
and we were free.**

Come, you have a story to tell.

of rescue, of provision, of healing, of a vision of the living God.

**We come to worship; we come to pray;**

**We come to sing; we have a testimony!**

☞ **MV 12** *Come Touch Our Hearts*

### SPACE FOR THE SPIRIT

*When you hear the sound of the Tibetan singing bowl being struck,  
you are invited to enter into a time of silence (2 minutes),  
to make space for the Spirit in your life.*

*Taking deep breaths "in and out" – you open all of your senses to the Spirit of life  
that pulses throughout the cosmic universe.*

☞ **MV 85** *Take, O Take Me as I Am (x2)*

**Take, O take me as I am; summon up what I shall be;  
set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.**

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*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.**

Exodus 17: 1-7, Psalm 137                      Jeremy Dent  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God**

### ANTHEM

*Esurientes* from the Requiem - John Rutter  
Gilda DiCola Mills, Mezzo Soprano

### SERMON

**"HOW CAN WE SING IN A STRANGE LAND?"** Rev. Barry King

☞ MV 79 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

## COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

### OFFERTORY

*Ecce jam noctis* - Healey Willan

### PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

☞ VU 632 *O Blessed Spring*                      verse 1  
**O blessed spring, where Word and sign  
embrace us into Christ the Vine,  
here Christ enjoins each one to be  
a branch of this life-giving tree.**

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE**

*Iste Confessor* - Healey Willan

**TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU**

**Interim Music Director:** Aurora Dokken  
**Greeter:** Mike Hartlin  
**Hospitality:** Peter Goheen, Diane Soule  
**Counter:** Marilyn Boston

**COMING UP**

**Tuesday, Mar. 17**

- **4 pm:** CCE will meet in MacCallum Hall

**Wednesday, Mar. 18**

- **Joint Lenten Bible Series - Is the Gospel in Genesis?**

Topic: *Divine Violence in the Flood* (Gen. 6-9) at Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie St. The Chalmers and Sydenham Street congregations are invited to join with other nearby churches (St. James Anglican, St. Mark's Lutheran, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian) in a jointly-sponsored Lenten Bible Study. The study will take place on Wednesdays until April 1 from 7-9 pm. It will be led by The Rev. Dr. William Morrow. It will rotate through the various congregations, with each evening including a short vesper service in the tradition of the host church followed by discussion. If you have any questions, please speak with Rev. Barry King.

**Thursday, Mar. 19**

- **12 pm: Weekly catered lunch** in MacCallum Hall. We are now enjoying ethnic food from various Kingston restaurants and on occasion meals prepared by some of our participants. Music is provided by our own DJ Malcolm MacPherson! All are welcome! Please call Jane at 545-3905 if you would like to join us.

**Sunday, Mar. 22**

- **Soup Luncheon:** The SSUC Social Justice and Outreach Committee will host a Soup Luncheon to help fund our Tuesday morning food voucher program. All are welcome to enjoy delicious homemade soups, rolls and desserts. As is our practice, we invite you to contribute \$6. All monies received at lunch are used for the program. This ministry helps to feed our neighbours who are hungry; it is made possible through your financial support and the volunteers in the congregation who meet with those in need weekly from Sept. through June. We will be delighted to receive squares for dessert, as usual. We hope you will join us.
- **Chalmers Benevolent Program:** The Blessing Box is in need of donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste. These donations would be very welcomed at church house.
- **Chalmers Comment Boards:** Just a reminder that the boards used in the Sunday afternoon meeting, are in church house so you can post your comments and suggestions. Please utilize them and include your name, as it would be useful for future communication. Thank you.

Worshipping Sundays Together  
at Sydenham Street United in March  
and Chalmers United in April

# Kingston Lenten Series

## Is the Gospel in Genesis?

Hard stories from the Bible's first book  
A Bible study led by the Rev. Dr. Bill Morrow

**March 18: *Divine Violence in the Flood* (Gen. 6-9)**  
@ Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie St.

**March 25: *The Expulsion of Hagar* (Gen. 21)**  
@ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 130 Clergy St. E.

**April 1: *Does God Reward Tricksters* (Gen. 28)**  
@ St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 263 Victoria St.

After a short prayer service  
in the tradition of the host church,  
the evening will focus on  
the text chosen for discussion.

**Wednesdays 7 – 9 pm**



You are invited to join  
Sylvia Mann plus Meikle & Margaret Turner  
for a **SPECIAL St. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION**

**PLEASE JOIN OUR SSUC "JUST LUNCH"  
MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>, at 12 NOON  
at the RIVER MILL RESTAURANT**

Once your order has been taken  
and your favourite libation is before you, (tea, coffee or green beer...?)  
we will sing a few traditional Irish Songs, insert an Irish Joke or two  
for a fun-filled wait time as your food order is being prepared.  
We will have an Irish Grace and an Irish Blessing and one Irish Hymn.  
There will be no cover charge as long as you wear something **GREEN**.

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO MEMBERS & FRIENDS  
FROM BOTH OUR CONGREGATIONS.**



To give the restaurant advance information  
for set up please call Meikle at 613-542-7744  
or e-mail [meikle\\_irish@yahoo.com](mailto:meikle_irish@yahoo.com) before 6 pm on **Sunday March 15**.