



# SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS

UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA

SHARING WORSHIP



"LAMENT – ROOTED IN HOPE"

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**NO SERVICES ARE HELD IN EITHER PREMISE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID 19.**

**May Services** are recorded at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham St.

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

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

**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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**Live Online** when at 82 Sydenham St. [www.youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet](http://www.youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet)

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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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**Live Online** when at the 212 Barrie St. Chalmers location. 10:30 am Sundays

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## OFFICE HOURS

**Chalmers and Sydenham St Church House Office:** CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. STAFF ARE REACHABLE BY EMAIL OR PHONE.

**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.

**"It's possible to despair and suffer an entire lifetime  
and still not give up the art of laughter."**

- Madeleine L'Engle

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN EASTER

 *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**

*Rhosymedre* - Ralph Vaughan Williams

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

*(As we light the Christ candle, you are invited  
to light a candle at home in a safe place)*

#### **GATHERING IN COMMUNITY**

Friends, the God of hope is calling,  
Offering refreshment to those who are weary and heavy laden.

**The God of peace is calling,  
Offering tender words of comfort to those in distress.**

Friends, the God of love is calling,  
Offering friendship and communion to those who feel alone.

**Come, God is calling us to worship.  
It is an offer too irresistible to refuse.**

**HYMN VU 374** *Come and Find the Quiet Centre* Bill and Joan Egnatoff

**1** Come and find the quiet center  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

**2** Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.

3 In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!

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#### **CENTERING PRAYER**

**Today in our worship, we lament  
all that is happening in our world.  
We pray that the Spirit will reorient us:  
challenging us to live by grace  
rather than entitlement;  
expecting us to be a blessing to the earth.  
We pray that by acknowledging our brokenness,  
we will be closer to becoming a church  
where the good news is lived out:  
faith nurtured and hearts comforted,  
gifts shared for the good of all,  
resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,  
fierce love in the face of violence,  
human dignity defended,  
members of a community held and inspired by God.  
Through our tears, may we witness to your love and grace.  
Amen.**

### 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.**

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

Psalm 107

selected verses

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God**

#### **MUSICAL REFLECTION**

*I Will Sing New Songs* - A. Dvorak Robert Bruce, baritone

#### **REFLECTION**

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**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

*The Kingdom of God – Taizé MV 146*

Bill Egnatoff

**SHARING OUR GIFTS**

Offerings gratefully received  
online through Canada Helps or by Canada Post.

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(You are invited to pray in the spirit of the Abba/Lord's Prayer,  
and in your original language, as that is appropriate)*

**O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,  
Focus your light within us - make it useful:  
Create your reign of unity now.  
Your one desire then acts with ours,  
as in all light, so in all forms.  
Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.  
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,  
as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt.  
Don't let surface things delude us,  
But free us from what holds us back.  
From you is born all ruling will,  
the power and the life to do,  
the song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews.  
Truly - power to these statements -  
may they be the ground from which all  
my actions grow. Amen.**

N. Douglas-Klotz/pc

**HYMN VU pg 808** *On Eagle's Wings*

Bill and Joan Egnatoff

**1** You who dwell in the shelter of our God,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge  
my Rock in who I trust."

**Refrain:**

**And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.**

**2** 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**

**3** 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. **R**

4 For to God's angels is given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. **R**

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### **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Fugue in g minor* - George Frederic Handel

## TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

<b>Interim Music Director</b>	Aurora Dokken
<b>Soloists</b>	Robert Bruce, Bill and Joan Egnatoff

### COMING UP

- **Tues. May 12**
  - 4 pm: CCE will meet via Zoom at 4pm
- **Chalmers Benevolent Program: The Blessing Box** is in need of donations of toothbrushes, Kraft dinner boxes and baggies of laundry soap or pods. These donations would be very welcomed and gratefully received at church house on any Tuesday after 12pm.

Worshipping Sundays Together  
at Sydenham Street United in May  
and Chalmers United in June

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.