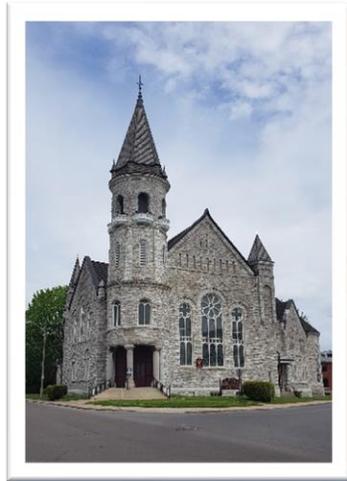
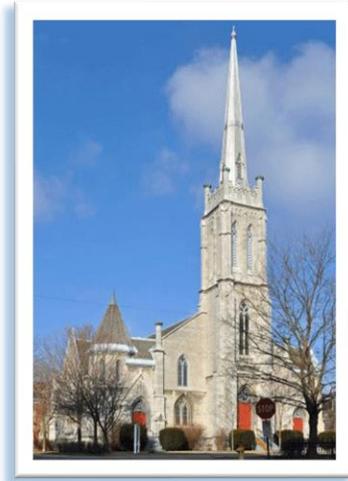


SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS  
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA  
SHARING WORSHIP



FAREWELL SERVICE  
"HEAR IT, BREATHE IT, LIVE IT, BE IT"  
10:30 am SEPTEMBER 5, 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.

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

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on *Evelyn's* - Malcolm Archer

### 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

One: Once you start to awaken,  
no one can ever claim you again for the old patterns;  
**All: More naked than ever but feeling truly alive.**  
You want to voyage beyond pallid frontiers  
to where the danger of transformation dwells;  
**Impatient for growth, choosing to be on the path of change.**  
You are no longer willing to squander your essence  
on undertakings that do not nourish your true self;  
**Trusting the music of my own soul.**  
You see through the rosters of expectation  
which promise you safety  
and the confirmation of your outer identity;  
**An inner treasure that no one and no thing can take from me.**  
And when the time comes for you to leave, the view  
from your deathbed will show a life of growth;  
**Gladdening the heart and removing all fear.**

### HYMN MV 150 *Spirit God be Our Breath*

- 1 Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.  
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.  
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdraw....  
Spirit God, be our song.
- 2 Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.  
Comfort us. When we know you are near  
we grow more certain, our vision is clear.  
Patient God, calm our fear.
- 3 Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.  
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,  
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.  
Loving God, be our prayer.

4 Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.  
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.  
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn....  
Spirit God, be our song.

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## 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.**

### READING

Deuteronomy 6: 4 - 9; Luke 4: 14 - 21

These are the words of life, which in faith become the Living Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

### REFLECTION

**"HEAR IT, BREATHE IT, LIVE IT, BE IT"**

### SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

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

## FAREWELL LITANY

Lynn Freeman: Our church is constantly changing. People come and go, babies are born, children grow up, people commit themselves to one another, loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings, and beginnings. Today we share the time of farewell with Reverend Barry King and Linda, who are leaving.

### RETURNING OF SYMBOLS

One: Dear Friends, you have allowed me to share the responsibilities of the ordained ministry in your midst. At the celebration of a new ministry, you presented me with symbols expressing my special role among you. It is time for me to return what have lent me. I have tried to proclaim the Word faithfully among you. Here is the **Bible** which expressed this.

All: **Thanks be to the Holy One.**

### **WATER**

One: I have shared, through the Spirit's grace, in bringing some through the water of new creation into the Body of Christ by Holy Baptism. Here is water which symbolized God's gift of belonging in Christ.

**All: There is one body and one Spirit.  
There is one hope in the holy one's call to us.**

### **BREAD AND CHALICE**

One: Bread and Wine are the means by which we share in the blessing of Creation and it is the means by which we offer ourselves, to be transformed into the sacramental body of Christ.

**All: Taste and see that the Holy One is good; happy are they who trust in the Holy One.**

### **TOWEL AND BASIN**

One: The towel and basin were given to me to serve you during my time in this ministry. I now return them so you can in serving others in your ministries.

**All: In Faith we will continue to do so.**

### **THE BRAID**

One: I have experienced how this braid represents the spirit bringing together the ministries of Sydenham Street. may it continue to support you in doing SO

**All: Amen**

### **CHALMERS' MOSAIC OF "THE EVANGELISTS"**

One: The mosaic reflects the stories of Jesus. May they reflect upon their return to you, how you will live them in action in your daily lives.

**All: Amen**

### **SYDENHAM STREET'S PRIDE & TRANS FLAGS AND AFFIRM PIN**

One: The Affirm Ministry symbols reminded me of the profound ministry of inclusivity, may they continue to breathe justice in action.

**All: Amen**

### **A DOOR**

One: We began our ministry by journeying through a door into a future ministry together. Today I invite you (if able) to stand and take a step forward, as if through the door – as a rite of passage into a new place in time for your ministries.

**All: We trust the Holy One's Spirit.**

### RECOGNITION OF THE END OF OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

Al Fletcher: On September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, The Reverend Barry King was appointed as our Intentional Interim Minister with Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Church's.

Rev. King: I thank Chalmers and Sydenham Street, its members and friends for the love, kindness, and support shown me during these two years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**All: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave this ministry. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.**

Rev. King: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to the Holy One.

### VOWS OF RELEASE

Rev. King: As I leave this ministry and head into retirement, I covenant with you that I will be honored to attend special services, funerals and weddings, but I will not preside at them. And will only do so when specifically asked by the incumbent minister because they have chosen to ask me.

**All: We will honour this covenant and thank you for helping us to make this transition smooth and life-giving. May the Holy One guide each of us.**

Jack Soule: Do you the members and friends of Chalmers and Sydenham Street United release Rev. Barry King from the duties of ministry?

**All: We do, with the help of the Holy One.**

### PRAYER *(please pray with me)*

Jack Soule: Holy One, we give thanks for the remembered times when we, together, have shared in the life of faith. We thank you, for the moments we have shared with each other in worship, in learning, in service. We pray that Barry and Linda will be aware of your Spirit's guidance.

**All: Creating Spirit, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy; may we continue to be a people filled with new possibilities. Empower us to envision new occasions for ministry. The time we were together in your name saw laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions. We pray in the name of the One who is our friend and companion. Amen.**

**HYMN** *God Who Sets Us on a Journey (Tune: Hyfrydol)*

**1** God who sets us on a journey  
to discover, dream and grow,  
lead us as you led your people

in the desert long ago;  
journey inward, journey outward,  
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,  
love for God and self and neighbour  
marks the way that Christ defined.

2 Exploration brings new insights,  
changes, choices we must face;  
give us wisdom in deciding,  
mindful always of your grace;  
should we stumble, lose our bearings,  
find it hard to know what's right,  
we regain our true direction  
focused on the Jesus light.

3 End our longing for the old days,  
grant the vision that we lack –  
once we've started on this journey  
there can be no turning back;  
let us travel light, discarding  
excess baggage from our past,  
cherish only what's essential,  
choosing treasure that will last.

4 When we set up camp and settle  
to avoid love's risk and pain,  
you disturb complacent comfort,  
pull the tent pegs up again;  
keep us travelling in the knowledge  
you are always at our side;  
give us courage for the journey,  
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

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### **SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION VU 964** *Go now in Peace*

Go now in peace, go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you everywhere,  
everywhere you may go.

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### **POSTLUDE**

*Richmond* - Alan Viner

## THANK YOU TO ALL TALENTS SHARED

**Organist** Aurora Dokken  
**Hymn Choir** Barb Carr  
Barb Fletcher  
Al Fletcher  
Beth Leake  
Sylvia Mann  
Donna Delyea  
Joan Egnatoff  
Bill Egnatoff  
**Participants** Sydenham Street: Jack Soule, Lynn Freeman  
Chalmers: Al Fletcher  
**Sound Editor** Lisa Leavitt

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## FAREWELL, BARRY AND LINDA KING



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