

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us as we **live stream** worship for the next few weeks. The service will be available through our website at chalmerslondon.com. The live stream video link is found on the home page. We encourage you to let us know you have joined us by filling in the short response form.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: APRIL 26-MAY 3

SUNDAY	Worship (Online)	10:00am
TUESDAY	Care & Share	12:30pm
SUNDAY	Worship (Online)	10:00am
	Stephen Ministry (Online)	7:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

The Chalmers Church office is closed until such a time as meeting restrictions are lifted. Rev. John and Wendy Sibley are working from home. Please email chalmerspclondon@gmail.com with any questions or needs. Rev. John can be reached at his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell phone (226) 919-9180. Regular updates will be posted on the home page of our website, www.chalmerslondon.com. You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Worship Celebration

April 26, 2020

3rd Sunday of Easter

(Online)



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:31

One: Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

All: They shall mount up with wings as eagles,

One: they shall run and not be weary,

All: they shall walk and not faint.

Praise: *Jesus, stand among us* (lyrics on page 3)

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Prayers of Approach

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

One: I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications.

All: Because God inclined an ear to me,

therefore I will call on the Lord as long as I live.

One: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

All: Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

One: What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?

All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

One: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of the faithful.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your hand maid.

You have loosed my bonds.

All: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

John 20:24-31

The Hardy Family

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: **Redeeming the Time**

Special Praise: *Jésus, par ton sang précieux* by Perkins/Humbert

The Mabondo Family

(French/English lyrics on page 3)

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Prayers of the People & **The Lord's Prayer**

The Blessing

Praise: *We are God's people* (lyrics on page 3)

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Musical Postlude

Jesus, stand among us

William Pennefather, Friedrich Filitz

Jesus, stand among us
in your risen power;
let this time of worship
be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit
into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows
from each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps
we pursue our way,
watching for the dawning
of eternal day.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come,

Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever.

Amen

We are God's people

Brian Jeffery Leech, Arr. Fred Bock

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of the Spirit, established by the word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
oh, let us live transparently,
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:
let us share each joy and care
and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

We are the body of which the Lord is head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
oh let us freely give our gifts,
and so shall God's work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
alone, we die, for on its own each ember loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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Jésus par ton sang précieux

Perkins / Humbert

Jésus par ton sang précieux,
Enlève mon iniquité !
Regarde moi du haut des cieux,
Dis-moi que tu m'as pardonné...
J'ai longtemps erré coeur rebelle,
Mais j'entends ta voix qui m'appelle,
Au pied de ta croix, maintenant,
Tout confus, brisé, je me rends.

*Blanc, plus blanc que neige,
Blanc plus blanc que neige,
Lavé dans le sang de l'agneau,
Je serai plus blanc que la neige !*

Oh ! Le fardeau de mon péché,
Dieu très saint est trop grand pour moi !
Je veux en être délivré,
À cette heure, oh ! Révèle-toi !
Jésus viens, sois ma délivrance,
Seul tu peux calmer ma souffrance !
Au pied de ta croix, maintenant,
Tout confus, brisé, je me rends.

Oh ! Jésus ton sang précieux,
A lavé mon iniquité,
Oui, tu m'as répondu des cieux,
Ton amour m'a tout pardonné.
Je te contemple et je puis croire,
Qu'en toi j'ai complète victoire...
Au pied de ta croix, maintenant,
Je me relève, triomphant.

*Blanc, plus blanc que neige,
Blanc plus blanc que neige,
Lavé dans le sang de l'agneau,
Mon coeur est plus blanc que la neige !*

Blessed be the Fountain

Blessèd be the fountain of blood,
To a world of sinners revealed;
Blessèd be the dear Son of God;
Only by His stripes we are healed.
Tho' I've wandered far from His fold,
Bringing to my heart pain and woe,
Wash me in the blood of the Lamb,
And I shall be whiter than snow.

*Whiter than the snow,
Whiter than the snow,
Washed in the blood of the Lamb,
I shall be whiter than snow!*

Thorny was the crown that He wore,
And the cross His body o'ercame;
Grievous were the sorrows He bore,
But He suffered thus not in vain.
May I to that fountain be led,
Made to cleanse my sins here below;
Wash me in the blood that He shed,
And I shall be whiter than snow.

Father, I have wandered from Thee,
Often has my heart gone astray;
Crimson do my sins seem to me,
Water cannot wash them away.
Jesus, to the fountain of Thine,
Leaning on Thy promise, I go;
Cleanse me by Thy washing divine,
And I shall be whiter than snow.

*Whiter than the snow,
Whiter than the snow,
Washed in the blood of the Lamb,
My heart is whiter than snow.*

Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's comfort and strength for Betty Smedley, and her daughters, Karen and Susan with the passing of **Dennis Smedley** on Wednesday, April 22. Dennis was a faithful member of our church and he will be greatly missed.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Jo-Ann Marshall** as she recovers at home from leg surgery. May God give her strength and peace during her time of convalescence.
- ◆ For God's comfort and peace for the family of **Maureen Gaskin**, member of Chalmers Presbyterian Church who passed away on Monday, April 13.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he recovers at home after enduring a fall late last year. May the Lord give strength to his wife, Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.
- ◆ For God to inspire us to be generous in giving our time, talents and treasure for the ongoing work of the Lord in the world.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Linda McPherson, Roy Young, and Ross Cole**.
- ◆ Pray for **Nova Scotians**. Pray that the people of Portapique and the other affected communities would have an experience of Jesus standing beside them in the midst of their fear. Pray that those who have suddenly lost their loved ones would know the Spirit's consolation as close as their own breath. Pray with gratitude for the members of the RCMP and other emergency personnel who hurried to the aid of those communities, putting themselves at risk, and doing everything they could to put an end to the violence.

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April 26: Spanish outreach ministry

In summer of 2019, University Presbyterian Church in North York, Ont., launched a new worshipping community for Spanish-speakers. The ministry's leader, Julio, started by connecting with members of his own Hispanic community who are not attending church. With a team from his church, Julio has begun establishing small discipleship groups and outreach initiatives, including taco nights and a soccer league for children. Please pray for University Presbyterian Church, Julio, and leaders who are stepping out in faith to plant new ministries.

Presbyterians Sharing is planting new ministries

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

April 26

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

1 Timothy 6:18

Prayer for Nova Scotia Continued...

- ◆ Let us also pray for the pastors and churches of Nova Scotia, that they will know Christ's presence standing beside them and the Spirit's breath equipping and empowering them as they minister to the hurting people of their communities. Especially in this current context of staying home and physical distancing, may the church find faithful and creative ways to share God's love with those who are grieving.

LIBRARY NEWS

Until We Reach Home - by Lynn Austin

Elin, Kirsten and Sofia are sisters who live on a farm in Sweden with their brother Nils and their aunt and uncle. All is not well in the household. Their parents are dead and their aunt and uncle have already alienated their brother and he has left home, now the girls are feeling lost and uncared for and really don't want to live this way any longer. They decide to go to America, and ask another uncle and his wife to send them money to join them in Chicago. This story takes place in 1897, so the trip from Sweden to Chicago is long, tiring, uncomfortable and fraught with danger at every turn. I can't give away too much of the plot of the story, but just let me say that I enjoyed every minute of this family story. I couldn't (or didn't want to) lay the book down. I will read more of Lynn Austin's books because this one certainly kept me interested, in awe of the conditions these sisters had to contend with, and wondering where on earth it would take me next.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

Care & Share These are trying times for many. For this reason Chalmers' Food Assistance Program is still running, serving our community in this time of need. Precautions and procedures are in place, as prescribed by the Health Unit, to keep all parties safe. Many thanks to our volunteers who continue to give of their time and energy to see families fed. If you know of anyone living in the neighbourhoods immediately surrounding the church who is in need at this time, please encourage them to phone the church on Monday morning to register for assistance.

ONLINE DONATIONS: Thank you for your continued support of Chalmers Presbyterian Church during this time of physical distancing. Offerings may be mailed in to the church, or submitted online through CanadaHelps.org. A link is found on the home page of our website.

Have you considered signing up for **PAR (PRE AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)?** It's easy to do, makes consistent offerings simple and can be stopped or adjusted easily. Offering is withdrawn directly from your bank account monthly. Forms are available in the narthex, or speak to Wendy.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: If you would like a copy of the church directory, please email the office at chalmerspclondon@gmail.com and Wendy will email you an electronic copy.

NEW PROFESSING MEMBERS: We look forward to welcoming new professing members during the spring. Please speak with Rev. John or with your elder if you would like to know more about becoming a professing member of the church.

COVID-19 UPDATE: All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share has been suspended, and the church office is closed for the duration of the government restrictions on gatherings.

At this point we have suspended services in the church building for **April 26 and May 3 & 10th**, in accordance with provincial guidelines - services will be recorded and uploaded or live streamed through our website, chalmerslondon.com.