

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for **online** worship this Sunday. The service will be available through our website at [chalmerslondon.com](http://chalmerslondon.com). The 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: MARCH 21-28

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
	Stephen Ministry Supervision	7:00 pm
<b>MONDAY</b>	Online Lent Bible Study	7:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting (Webex)	8:00 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
	Property Management Online Meeting	7:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am

### OFFICE HOURS:

The church building and office remain closed to the public. Wendy is once again working from HOME. We urge you to call ahead before dropping by the church. Email [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca) with any questions or needs.

Rev. John can be reached on his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell (226) 919-9180. Regular updates will be posted on the home page of our website, [www.chalmerslondon.com](http://www.chalmerslondon.com). You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## Online Worship Celebration

March 21, 2021

Lent V



### Chalmers' Ministry

#### Team:

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Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
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Caretaker  
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## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

PWS&D Insert—Lent V

One: We are closer to the events in Jerusalem every day.

**All: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.**

One: When your people were slaves, you led the faithful through the waters and set them free. But we struggle with the freedom you give us.

**All: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.**

One: Always you reach out to us. Yet so often we have ignored your open arms and fled from your grace and freedom—and our responsibility.

**All: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Loving God, you have loved us beyond all measure, but we continue to look for life outside of your embrace. On this journey, remind us that true freedom comes in obedience to you and following where you lead. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

Praise: *Here I am to worship* (Lyrics on p. 3)

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, and Pardon

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 30:1-5

One: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**All: O Lord, my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.  
O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life  
from among those gone down to the Pit.**

One: Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones,  
and give thanks to God's holy name.

**All: For the Lord's anger is but for a moment;  
the Lord's favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.**

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:46-52

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Praise: *Jesus' hands were kind hands* (lyrics on p. 3) 631

Message: *Questions for Lent: What do you want me to do for you?*

Special Praise: *Uzima ninao moyoni daima / Life I have always in my heart*

(lyrics on p. 3) *The Mabondo Family*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *God, whose giving knows no ending* (Lyrics on p. 3) 663 (vv. 1, 3)

Offering Prayer & **The Lord's Prayer**

Praise: *God, we praise you for the morning* (Lyrics on p. 3) 436 (vv. 1-5)

The Blessing

Musical Postlude

## Here I am to worship

Tim Hughes

Light of the world,  
You stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see  
beauty that made this heart adore You,  
hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain

*And here I am to worship  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, o so highly exalted, glorious  
in heaven above; humbly You came  
to the earth You created, all for love's  
sake became poor.

Refrain

And I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross;  
I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.

Refrain

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## Jesus' hands were kind hands

Margaret Cropper

Jesus' hands were kind hands,  
doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness,  
blessing children small,  
washing tired feet  
and saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands,  
doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus,  
let them work for you;  
make them strong and gentle,  
kind in all I do;  
let me watch you, Jesus,  
till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands,  
quick to work for you.

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## God whose giving knows no ending

Robert L. Edwards

God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through powers your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the Gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

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## God, we praise you for the morning

Jim Strathdee

God, we praise you for the morning;  
hope springs forth with each new day,  
new beginning, prayer and promise,  
joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation,  
mountains, seas and prairie land.  
Waking souls find joy and healing  
in your bountiful hand.

God, we praise you for compassion,  
all the loving that you show;  
human touching, tears and laughter,  
help your children to grow.

God, we praise you for your Spirit,  
Comforter and daily friend;  
restless searcher, gentle teacher,  
strength and courage you send.

God, we praise you for the Saviour,  
come that we may know your ways.  
In his loving, dying, rising,  
Christ is Lord of our days.

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## SPECIAL PRAISE

### Uzima ninao moyoni daima Life I have always in my heart

Nyimbo Za Wokuvo (Swahili)

(English Translation)

The life I have always had in my heart,  
the life is Jesus the Saviour  
who truly came into my spirit,  
and made me strong.

Chorus

*I am filled with the Spirit of God  
and the fire of heaven is in it.  
I get to be in the light completely,  
and the light is Jesus the Saviour.*

The blessings in salvation  
I have received for free,  
when I confessed my transgressions and sins  
to Jesus the Saviour of all.

The Saviour took me out of the wilderness,  
and I was cared for in God's garden.  
And now by the rain and the sun of heaven  
I am bearing fruit for him.

I see life as meaningful;  
it is to serve the Saviour.  
Living is Christ and dying for the benefit  
of every true Christian.

## Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull** as she has recently returned to her home.
- ◆ 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 healing for **Ken Hall** as he convalesces at home. May the Lord give strength to 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 **Betty Smedley, Linda McPherson, and Ross Cole.**

### CHALMERS ONLINE COMMUNITY COFFEE

**HOUR:** Join us Thursday evenings at 7:30pm for a relaxed time of fellowship. We are meeting on Zoom, meeting ID 350 336 4073 (this will remain the same each week) and there is no password. Contact Sue at 226-663-4735 if you have any questions!

**CHALMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL :** Join us online Sundays at 11am following worship. All kids welcome! For login information, [chalmers.sunday.school@gmail.com](mailto:chalmers.sunday.school@gmail.com).



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### Summer Student's Virtual Ministry

Presbyterians Sharing provides financial assistance for seminary students to gain ministry experience by serving in rural and remote congregations across the country. Last summer, Samuel Andri, a student from the Vancouver School of Theology, served in the Synod of Saskatchewan. Due to COVID-19, Samuel led online worship and helped deliver a Vacation Bible School program virtually. Though his responsibilities were fulfilled online instead of in person, it did not make his experience any less meaningful. When asked about his summer experience, Samuel said, "I am forever grateful for the opportunity to reflect on what it means to serve God in more rural areas of Canada and to reflect on the beauty of serving God in a more close-knit community even through online platforms."

### SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

March 21

As the purse is emptied the heart is filled.  
*Victor Hugo (1802–1885), poet, novelist, dramatist*

### CHALMERS CARE & SHARE FOOD

**PROGRAM :** Care & Share continues to provide for families in our area, with safety protocols in place. Families in need may call the church Mondays to register, and pick up food Wednesdays at 12:30pm. Many thanks to our faithful volunteers!

## LIBRARY NEWS

**The Sugar Baron's Daughters** – by Lisa T. Bergren

### Book 1: Keturah

This trilogy is about three sisters, Keturah, the oldest, Verity, the middle child, and Selah the youngest. The story takes place in the later 1700's when ladies are expected to be subservient and never to rock the boat. But these sisters do not conform to this mold. They are well-to-do and live in a mansion where they are treated like the ladies they have been brought up to be. Their father owns a sugar plantation in the West Indies and that is where the bulk of their money comes from – but last year they didn't have a good crop..... And this year looks like it could be even worse ..... And then they get word that their father has come down with a fever and has died. These sisters cannot live without money – so they decide that they must go to the Island of Nevis and take over the plantation. I can't tell you any more of their adventures because that would spoil your enjoyment of this ever changing story. A well written, exciting book.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

### CHALMERS VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING:

Join us for a weekly online prayer meeting. We will meet on Webex, every Wednesday evening at 8 pm for about an hour. All Welcome!

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** At their meeting on February 16 Chalmers Session decided that **online worship will continue for the month of April 2021.** All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share, has been suspended and the church and office are **closed.** Mail, Email and phone messages are being monitored on a regular basis.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The church office remains closed, however Wendy is at the church Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am—11am. Please call ahead before visiting the church. Wendy can be reached at 519-872-0003 (call or text) or [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca). Messages left on the church voicemail will be returned on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

*Chalmers Birthdays this Week*

John Biro	March 21
Kenneth McDonald	March 22
Marg Ward	March 22
Laurie Spence-Bannerman	March 22
Jim Gill	March 25
Shirley Andersen	March 27

*Happy Birthday!*