

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. 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: MAY 2—9

SUNDAY	Online Worship Service	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
TUESDAY	Pastoral Care Online Meeting	9:30 am
	Session Executive Online Meeting	2:00 pm
	CE & Faith Development Online Meeting	6:45 pm
	Policy & Planning Online Meeting	7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
	Evening Worship on Zoom	7:00 pm
	Mission Committee Online Meeting	7:30 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting on Zoom	8:00 pm
THURSDAY	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
SUNDAY	Online Worship Service	10:00 am
MOTHER'S DAY	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 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. You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Online Worship Celebration

May 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter



Chalmers' Ministry

Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 124:8

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: who made heaven and earth.

Praise: *God of mercy, God of Grace* (Lyrics on p. 3)

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Prayers of Adoration, Confession, and Pardon

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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 1:40-45

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *In the bulb there is a flower*

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Message: *God of Hope and Healing*

Special Praise: *Where Joy and Sorrow Meet* (Lyrics on p. 3) Wendy Sibley

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) 63 (vv.1 & 3)

Offering Prayer

Praise: *O God, our help in ages past* (Lyrics on p. 3) 330

Benediction

Musical Postlude



God of mercy, God of grace

Psalm 66 paraphrase: Henry Francis Lyte

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill your world with light divine,
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their gracious King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford.
Unto us your blessing give;
we to you devoted live,
all below and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

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In the bulb there is a flower

Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower,
in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning,
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing,
in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection,
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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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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O God, our help in ages past

Isaac Watts

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Be fore the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch
that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an everrolling stream,
bears all our years away.
They fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard
while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

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SPECIAL PRAISE

Where Joy and Sorrow Meet

David James White

There's a place of quiet stillness
'tween the light and shadow's reach,
Where the hurting and the hopeless
find everlasting peace;
there the Word and songs of angels
whisper comfort bittersweet,
mending grief and life eternal
where joy and sorrow meet.

Refrain

*There is a place where hope remains
in crown of thorns and crimson stains,
and tears that fall on Jesus' feet,
where joy and sorrow meet.*

There's a place the lost surrender
and the weary will retreat,
full of grace and mercy tender
in times of unbelief;
for the wounded there is healing,
strength is given to the weak,
broken hearts find love redeeming
where joy and sorrow meet.

Refrain

There's a place of thirst and hunger
where the roots of faith grow deep,
and there is rain and rolling thunder
when the road is rough and steep;
there is hope in desperation,
there is victory in defeat
at the cross of restoration,
where joy and sorrow meet.

Refrain

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull**.
- ◆ We pray for healing for **Tom Hunter** as he recovers at home following recent surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Doris Tutt** and a spirit of perseverance as she recovers from recent surgery on her shoulders.
- ◆ 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**.

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**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 with questions.

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



May 2 — Empowering Youth in Malawi

The people in Malawi's Mzimba District face many challenges. School dropout rates are high and teen pregnancy is on the rise. More women are experiencing gender-based violence, and there is a lack of knowledge about HIV transmission and prevention. To help address and educate the community about these issues, Presbyterian World Service & Development's local partner, Livingstonia Synod AIDS Programme, has trained 20 community facilitators to teach parents how to nurture adolescents. The facilitators help parents engage youth on issues such as sexual and reproductive health, teen pregnancy, early marriage and the transmission of HIV. The project has been successful in encouraging adolescents to return to school after dropping out.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

May 2

If it is more blessed to give than to receive, then most of us are content to let the other fellow have the greater blessing. Shailer Matthews (1863-1941), American theologian

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**OFFICE HOURS:** The church office remains closed, and with the stay-at-home order, Wendy is only working in the office as necessary. 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). Mail and voice messages are being monitored on a regular basis.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Outbreak – by David Bunn

This story is a very topical tale of a strange happening on the West Coast of Africa where about 19 fishing boats are seen floating in the sea – and all the fishermen on board are dead. On further examination it is discovered that they all died of different diseases and there seems to be no rhyme or reason to what is happening here. After the team land they discover how difficult travel is in this area because of a local war and the troops who are trying to keep the peace, are also not open to visitors.

Back on home territory the team have become obsessed with trying to find out what this mysterious “plague” is – and how to stop it travelling to their country. But there also seems to be some kind of a conspiracy to stop them getting the information they need to make these decisions.

A very exciting, nail-biting tale of corruption in the highest places – and who to trust when you need to trust someone!

Christine Hunter, Librarian

### CHALMERS VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING:

Join us for a weekly online prayer meeting. We will meet on ZOOM every Wednesday evening at 8 pm for about 40-50 minutes. Link available through our website. All Welcome!

### \*NEW: WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP:

Join us the first Wednesday of each month for a time of worship on Zoom at 7:00 pm. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, May 5. Details available on our website.

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** At their meeting on April 20 Chalmers Session decided that **online worship will continue for the month of May 2021**. All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share, has been suspended and the church and office are **closed**.

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FREE VIRTUAL INCOME TAX CLINIC: Need help preparing your income taxes this year? Once again, Compass Community Church is offering a **free**, virtual income tax clinic. For an online appointment, please email taxclinic@compasschurch.ca.

LONDON CHRISTIAN PRAYER BREAKFAST:

The 25th annual prayer breakfast will take place online May 20 at 7:30 am. There is no cost to participate but please register ahead at www.ccnl.org/events.

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**ONLINE DONATIONS:** Thank you for your continued, faithful support of Chalmers Presbyterian Church. Offerings may be mailed in to the church, dropped in the mailbox or submitted online through the link on the home page of our website.

