

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for **livestream** worship this Sunday at 10 am. 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: AUGUST 1—8

SUNDAY	Livestream Worship Service	10:00 am
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
	Midweek Worship (Zoom)	7:00 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting	8:00 pm
THURSDAY	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
SUNDAY	Livestream Worship Service	10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

The church building and office remain closed to the public. **Wendy is on vacation until August 8. Many thanks to Heather Reid for helping out in the church office during her absence.** 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

August 1, 2021

10th Sunday after Pentecost



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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise: *God of the sparrow, God of the whale* (Lyrics on p. 3) 307

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

The Peace: One: May the peace of Christ be with you
All: And also with you.

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Exodus 15:20-21
Psalm 106:1-12

One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever

One: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all God's praise?

**All: Blessed are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.**

One: Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;

All: help me when you deliver them;

One: that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,

**All: that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory in your heritage.**

One: Both we and our ancestors have sinned;

All: we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

One: Our ancestors, when they were in Egypt,
did not consider your wonderful works;

**All: they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love,
but rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea.**

One: But you saved them for your name's sake, to make known your mighty power. The Lord rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry; and led them through the deep as through a desert.

**All: So the Lord saved them from the hand of the foe,
and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.**

One: The waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left.

All: Then they believed God's words; they sang the praise of the Lord.

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:28-43

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *Deep in the shadows of the past* (Lyrics on p. 3) 510 (vv. 1-3)

Message: **Miriam's Song**

Special Praise: *Morning Has Broken* by Eleanor Farjeon (Lyrics below)
Lizz Thibodeau (violin), Isla Thibodeau (double bass)

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *We give Thee but thine own* (Lyrics on p. 3) 661

Offering Prayer, Prayers of the People and **The Lord's Prayer**

Praise: *I, the Lord of sea and sky* (Lyrics on p. 3) 591

Blessing

Musical Postlude

Morning Has Broken, by Eleanor Farjeon

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, praise for them springing fresh from the world.

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass;
praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day.

God of the sparrow, God of the whale

Jaroslav J. Vajda

God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

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Deep in the shadows of the past

Brian A. Wren

Deep in the shadows of the past,
far out from settled lands,
some nomads traveled with their God
across the desert sands.
The dawning hope of human kind
by them was sensed and shown:
a promise calling them ahead,
a future yet unknown.

While others bowed to changeless gods,
they met a mystery,
invisible, without a name,
"I AM WHAT I WILL BE"
and by their tents, around their fires,
in story, song and law,
they praised, remembered,
handed on
a past that promised more.

From Exodus to Pentecost
the promise changed and grew,
while some, remembering the past,
recorded what they knew,
or with their letters and laments,
their prophecy and praise,
recovered, kindled and expressed
new hope for changing days.

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We give thee but thine own

Words: William Walsham How
Music: Konig's harmonischer Liederschatz
Arr.: William Henry Havergal

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have it thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first-fruits give.

To comfort and to bless,
to find a balm for woe,
to tend the lonely in distress
is angels' work below.

The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace,
it is a Christ-like thing,

and we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

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I, the Lord of sea and sky

Daniel L. Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
'till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull**.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Doris Tutt** and a spirit of perseverance as she recovers at home.
- ◆ We pray for God's healing for **Betty Longmore, Fran Peach,** and **Jim Gill** as they recover from recent surgery.
- ◆ 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 blessing for **Betty Smedley, Linda McPherson,** and **Ross Cole**.
- ◆ 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 the Lord to encourage the staff and campers of **Camp Kintail** and all of our church camps across Canada as they continue to deal with the cancellation of summer, overnight camp programs and the financial implications of the pandemic.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP: Our next midweek worship time will take place **THIS Wednesday, August 4 at 7 pm**. This is an informal, interactive time of worship on Zoom. Details for joining in are available on our website. All welcome!



August 1: A Gateway for Evangelism

Kensington Presbyterian Church in P.E.I. participated in a denominational renewal program, funded by Presbyterians Sharing, that helped identify new ways of helping others grow in faith. As the pandemic necessitated a move to online ministry, the Session at Kensington PC recognized that certain members of their church family were excluded because they could not access technology or the Internet, so they created a Home Ministry program to focus on the inclusion of everyone who could not join online worship. Tablets containing worship services were dropped off weekly, and frequent pastoral visits, check-in and care were all part of the program. An unforeseen benefit of the program was that a member living in a senior's residence used the opportunity to share the services with other residents who were not connected to a church. What started as a discipleship program has now grown into a gateway for evangelism.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

August 1 "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."
Aesop (620 – 564 BCE), Greek fabulist

CHALMERS VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING: Join us for a weekly online prayer meeting. We meet on ZOOM every Wednesday evening at 8 pm for about 40-50 minutes. Link available on our website.

YOUTH & ADULT SOFTBALL: Join us for a game of softball Saturday, August 7, 10 am to noon at Southeast Optimist Park. Players of all skill levels welcome!

LIBRARY NEWS

One Perfect Spring – by Irene Hannon

Keith Watson is a man who works with numbers. Things must balance, must make sense and most of all – must make money. He is unprepared for a letter from a young girl that sets him back on his heels. Haley is not asking for help in the usual way – she needs no money. Haley and her mom, Claire, live next door to Maureen Chandler, who has cancer, and wants just one thing! To find the son she gave up for adoption many years ago. Haley asks for help finding this son for her friend and neighbour. Keith's boss, David McMillan, decides that Keith is much too serious and career orientated for a young man and puts Haley's letter into his hands and tells him to look into this and see what can be done to help.

An interesting story of caring and sharing, with just a little bit of romance added in for good measure!

Christine Hunter, Librarian

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).

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 through the church office.

Church Re-opening Update:

Session has approved **indoor worship services beginning Sunday, August 15**, with a limit of 45 people in attendance, in accordance with Health Unit protocols. Face coverings must be worn in the building at all times, and physical distancing observed. There will be no congregational singing, or coffee fellowship following the service. Individuals wishing to attend in-person worship must register in advance through our website, via email or by calling the church office. Registration for each service will open on the Monday before, and close on Friday at noon. You will receive a confirmation of registration.

All other regular programming at Chalmers, including rentals, remains suspended and the church building and office remain closed to the public until further notice. Effective August 10 our office administrator, Wendy Sibley, will be working in the office **Tuesday to Friday from 8:30am—12 noon**. Please call ahead or email Wendy if you plan on visiting the church during the week.

