

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: MAY 10-17

SUNDAY	Worship (Online)	10:00 am
MONDAY	Worship Committee Mtg (Online)	7:00 pm
TUESDAY	Care & Share Session Meeting (Online)	12:30 pm 7:00 pm
SUNDAY	Worship (Online)	10:00 am

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

May 10, 2020

5th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

(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

Psalm 27:1

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: **whom shall I fear?**

One: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

All: **of whom shall I be afraid?**

Praise: *Shine, Jesus, shine* (lyrics on page 3)

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Prayers of Approach

Celebrating with the Children

Lizz Thibodeau

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 27

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: **whom shall I fear?**

One: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

All: **of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.

All: **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

One: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

All: **to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

One: For you, Lord, will hide me in your shelter in the day of trouble;
you will conceal me under the cover of your tent;
you will set me high on a rock.

All: **Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord's tent with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

One: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

All: **“Come,” my heart says, “seek the Lord's face!**

Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.

One: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you, who have been my help.

All: **Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.**

One: Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

All: **Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**

One: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

All: **Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10

John 14:1-14

One: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon: **Let us pray**

Special Praise: *Lord, Lead us Day by Day* by Handel, arr. Hopson (lyrics on page 3)

2019 Recording of the Chalmers Senior Choir

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

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

The Blessing

Praise: *I, the Lord of sea and sky* (lyrics on page 3)

Musical Postlude

Shine, Jesus shine

Graham Kendrick

Lord the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain:

*Shine, Jesus, shine;
fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

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Admin. Integrity's Hosanna! Music

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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Lord, Lead us Day by Day

by Handel arr. Hopson

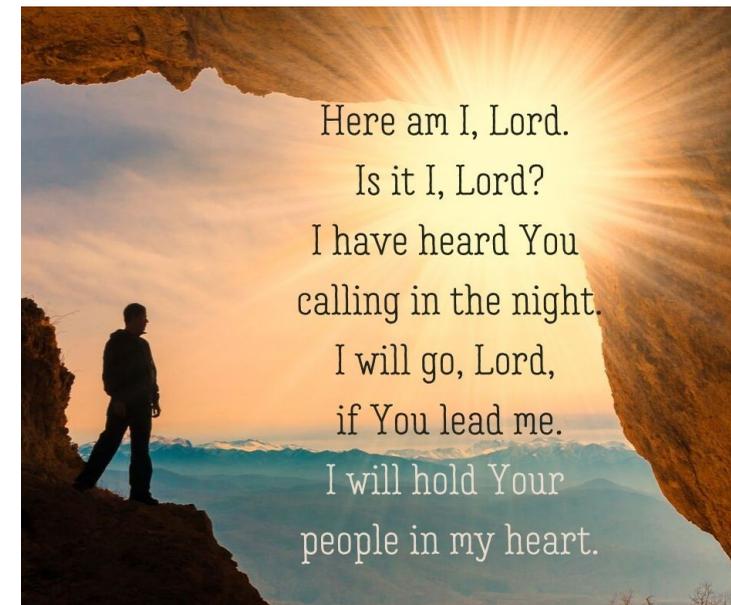
*Lord, lead us day by day.
Be Thou our friend and guide,
In darkness be our light,
in sadness be our joy,
in trial be our constant hope.*

*Lord lead us,
Be Thou our friend and guide,
our light, our joy,
in trial be our constant hope.*

*Lord, crown us with Thy love,
protect us by Thy grace,
and guide us in Thy truth, O Lord,
on Thee we call,
we lift our voices high,
O hear our prayer to Thee.*

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



Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's comfort and strength for Betty Smedley, and her daughters, Karen and Susan with the passing of **Dennis Smedley**. 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 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**.

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**COVID-19 UPDATE:** All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share has been suspended, and the church office is closed. Phone messages and mail are being monitored on a regular basis.

At this point we have suspended services in the church building and are closely following provincial guidelines regarding gatherings. Worship services will be recorded and uploaded or live streamed through the Chalmers website, [chalmerslondon.com](http://chalmerslondon.com).

Regular updates will be provided on our website and through the Facebook group.



### May 10: Mission partnerships

Globally, human trafficking is the third largest organized crime after drugs and the arms trade. Fighting human trafficking is one of the mission priorities of the Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM). A fellowship of 14 denominations, CANACOM fosters partnership in mission among churches in the Caribbean and North America through sharing of resources, accompaniment and empowerment. In 2016, ARISE Ministry received a grant from CANACOM for its work in empowering women to break free from human trafficking. ARISE's Executive Director, the Rev. Deb Stanbury, currently serves as the PCC's representative on the council. By participating in the meetings, Deb is our living link with our partner churches and organizations in the Caribbean. Both ARISE and CANACOM receive support from Presbyterians Sharing.

*Presbyterians Sharing fights human trafficking*

### SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

#### May 10

The Bible uses the word *believe* 273 times. It uses the word *pray* 371 times. *Love* appears 714 times. *Give* appears 2,172 times.

*Herb Miller (1936-2018), minister, author, editor*

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Missing Isaac – by Valerie Fraser Luesse

A very interesting book. It takes place in a southern town called Glory at a time when colour and status were unmixable! People of colour lived and stayed in their own area, and white folks did not travel in those areas. Pete was a young boy whose grandfather was wealthy and owned a lot of land. Cotton was the crop that was grown on this land and Isaac's family were the folks who cultivated and picked this cotton. There is an accident and Pete's father is killed, but Isaac is the one who tries to save him. There is a very special relationship between Pete and Isaac and both families love the relationship between these two. Isaac disappears and no-one seems to know anything about where he is, what happened to him or even if he is alive or dead. The relationships in this story are heart-warming (in the most part) and heart-wrenching at times. Yes – a very interesting book.

*Christine Hunter, Librarian*

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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.

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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.

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

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

