

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 17—24

SUNDAY	Worship (Online)	10:00 am
TUESDAY	Care & Share	12:30 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 17, 2020

6th 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

Praise: *We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet* 202 (v. 1, 2, 5 & 6)
(Lyrics on page 3)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Creator, Christ and Spirit,

We also offer you our confession so that we might renew our faithfulness to you.

We have claimed to be wise when we were ignorant.

We have sought truth in untrustworthy voices, and trusted lies without questioning.

We have sought after things of little value, and valued little the things of great worth.

Forgive us our foolishness.

Renew us by your mercy.

Restore within us a right spirit and guide us in your ways of wisdom.

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 13

One: How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

All: How long will you hide your face from me?

One: How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

All: How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

One: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

**All: Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death;
and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.**

One: But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

**All: I will sing to the Lord,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.**

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-21

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: ***The Language of Lament***

Special Praise: *I Will Wait for You* by Kaufflin, Merker, Getty, and Townend
(Lyrics on page 3)

Wendy Sibley

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

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

Praise: *The love of God comes close* (lyrics on page 3)

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The Blessing

Musical Postlude

We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet

Anna Briggs, Kenneth G. Finlay

We lay our broken world
in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war and fear,
oppressed by power and hate.

Here human life seems less
than profit, might and pride,
though to unite us all in you,
you lived and loved and died.

We bring our broken selves,
confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing grace
new purpose is inspired.

O Spirit, on us breathe,
with life and strength anew;
find in us love, and hope and trust,
and lift us up to you.

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The love of God comes close

John L. Bell, Graham Maule, John David Edwards

The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor.

*The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the love of God is here to stay.*

The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn.

*The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the peace of God is here to stay.*

The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears.

*The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the joy of God is here to stay.*

The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.

*The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the grace of God is here to stay.*

The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared as when he came.

*The Son of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the Son of God is here to stay.*

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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

I Will Wait for You

by Kauflin, Merker, Getty, and Townend

Out of the depths I cry to you,
in darkest places I will call;
incline your ear to me anew
and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

If you should count my sinful ways
I could not stand before your throne,
yet full forgiveness meets my gaze:
I stand redeemed in Christ alone.

*I will wait for you, I will wait for you,
And on your Word I will rely;
I will wait for you, surely wait for you,
'Till my soul is satisfied.*

So put your hope in God alone,
take courage in his power to save;
completely and forever won
by Christ emerging from the grave.

Now he has come to make a way,
and God himself has paid the price,
that all who trust in him today
find healing in his sacrifice.

*I will wait for you, I will wait for you,
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for you, surely wait for you
For your love is my delight.*

Please *PRAY*

- ◆ 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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**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.



### May 17: Paying it forward in Ghana

Due to the loss of his leg from an infection at the age of thirteen, Halidu Dayuma thought he would never be financially stable. Some simple pieces of thread and the caring support of Garu Community Based Rehabilitation Centre in Ghana changed everything. At this PWS&D-supported centre, which is committed to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, Halidu learned cloth weaving and dressmaking so that he could make an income. Inspired by his studies with skilled coaches, Halidu is now paying it forward by training more than 40 apprentices to continue the work he loves. In gratitude, Halidu reflected, "I am who I am today because of your generous work and love."

*PWS&D helps people overcome limitations*

### **SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP**

#### May 17

We owe it to each other - and to our children and grandchildren - to leave our planet in a better state than when we found it.

*Christopher Dodd (1944 - ), former US senator*

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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 for the duration of the government restrictions on gatherings.

At this point we have suspended services in the church building for the remainder of the month of May, in accordance with provincial guidelines - services will be recorded and uploaded or live streamed through our website, chalmerslondon.com.

LIBRARY NEWS

Chosen People – by Robert Whitlow

Robert Whitlow writes about lawyers and court cases, but although this story centres around two lawyers, the court case never actually happens. Hana Abboud and Jacob Brodsky are the lawyers, and the case circles around a terrorist attack 4 years ago which killed a young mother Gloria Neumann and injured her daughter Sadie. The story starts in the United States, and Jakob tries to bring a lawsuit that would hopefully bring some closure to the Neumann family. Hana is brought in as co-counsel, and decides that they need to do some research in Israel to get more insight into whether this was really a terrorist attack or just an unfortunate case of someone in the wrong place at the wrong time. I found this an interesting read, with many twists and turns that kept you reading 'just another page' consistently.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

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.

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**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.

