



CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Chambers
Music Director: David Cameron
Moderator: Joyce Holden
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. C. Wayne Hilliker

February 17, 2008

2nd Sunday in Lent

The Season of Lent, and its royal purple shades of colour, is more than a time of 'bad news' before the 'good news' of Easter. It is a time of penitence, confession and reflection. It is also a time of grace, focusing on God's creative and re-creative power. It can be a time of encouragement and growth in faithful discipleship.

ORDER OF SERVICE

** Congregation please stand if you are able.

Our ushers have LARGE PRINT bulletins and hearing assist equipment.

Gathering of the People

PRELUDE: *In memoriam*

Clifford Crawley

** PROCESSIONAL HYMN 634 *To Abraham and Sarah*

** CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In times of stress and struggle,

All: From where does our help come?

One: In times of worry and fear,

All: From where does our help come?

One: In the journeys of our lives,

All: Our help comes from God.

One: Let us worship God, who calls, protects and guides us.

1. Choir only
2. SUNG BY ALL *Psalm 91:2* David Cameron

God is my light and my sal-va-tion: of whom shall I be a - fraid?

** INTROIT

** GATHERING PRAYER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the announcements children and young people are invited to come forward to join Humphrey Tan at the marimba.

Proclamation of the Word

THE SCRIPTURES

One: Through scripture we meet the Living God.

Sung by All: Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light unto my path. VU 956

First Reading: Genesis 12: 1 – 4a

One: Herein is Wisdom.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

MOTET: *Psalm 121*

Alan Ridout

I will lift up my eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth. The Lord himself is thy keeper, the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, for evermore. (Psalm 121, selected verses)

SERMON: *The Uncontrollable Wind*

****HYMN 625** *I Feel the Winds of God*

The Response of the People

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM: *The Light of the World*

Andrew Carter

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any one hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to them, and will sup with them, and they with me. Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world; those that follow me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life'. Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd, that giveth his life for the sheep'; Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life'. Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life; behold, I stand at the door and knock. I will come to you'. (Revelation 3:20 and John 8:12, 10:11, & 11:25)

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Passion Chorale (VU 145)* Johannes Brahms

**** SONG OF DEDICATION 540**

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

****HYMN 562** *Jesus Calls Us*

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

****RESPONSE: AMEN!**

POSTLUDE: *Adagio (orig. Oboe & Strings)*

W. A. Mozart

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PARTICIPANTS

MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Steven Chambers

MUSIC DIRECTOR: David Cameron

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Mark McDonald

SCRIPTURE READER: Gilda diCola Mills

ANTHEM SOLOS: Gilda diCola Mills, soprano, & Carolyn Rivera, alto

MARIMBA: Humphrey Tan

USHERS: Captain: Bruce Gunion

Main: Esther Mahaffey, Wayne & Anne Worden, Doug & Barb Logsdaill

Balcony: Jane MacEwen & Joan Simeon

COUNTERS: Doug Reid & Jim Reynolds

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: David & Joyce Holden

REFRESHMENT HOSTS: Isabel McLeod & Dawn Broughton

NURSERY: Heather Henson & Mike Hartlin



*The flowers in the sanctuary
are in loving memory of
Blythe Broughton, 1929-1995
from his family*

TODAY:

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Welcome all worshippers! We hope that many will choose to remain for a time of conversation and refreshment, in MacCallum Hall, immediately following this service.

... **Nursery care** (birth - 3 years old) upstairs in MacCallum Hall

... Welcome all University and College students.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

February 24, 2008

Lent III

Plan to stay after church for a light lunch, prepared by the Women of Chalmers, in celebration of Stewardship 2008. Free will offering proceeds will go to Martha's Table mortgage reduction.

Assigned readings: Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

CALENDAR NOTICE

TODAY

11:30 Refreshments and Conversation in the Hall

MONDAY FEBRUARY 18

The Church Office will be closed for Family Day.

7:00 Ministry & Personnel Committee Chalmers House

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19

12:00 Noon Discussion Group Chalmers House

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20

8:00 Pipes Alive: David Cameron Recital Chalmers Church