

Chalmers-Wesley United Church
February 7, 2010 – 11:15am
Worship Leader: Keith Whittal
Director of Music: Alain LeBlond

Gathering

Organ Prelude

Call to worship

O God of our understanding, none of us are the same.
We have different gifts and abilities.

Each of us is different but we long for love between one another.

It's Christ who prayed "that all might be one."

We are divided and separated from one another.

The spirit of goodness calls us to be one body.

Yet, we are fractured and splintered as a church.

O God, in your love, unite us.

O Christ, make us one in love.

O Spirit, may the whole world know our faith through our loving action.

Opening prayer (based on Psalm 138:7–8)

You call, we answer. You come close, we are enfolded in love.

You go deep, we are caught by the surprise of your grace.

Though we face many troubles, you shelter us in your steady love. You help us keep our promises and your steadfast love endures.

Be mindful of us; enfold us in your love always.

Prayer of Confession

In the midst of our business as usual, you come close; you draw us in and invite us to go deep.

You assure us that, in the deep places, we will find new life in abundance.

You ask us to trust and to take risks – to cast ourselves fully into the depths of community where we will find our true selves and be empowered to serve.

We hear your invitation but we do not always respond in faith.

Because of fear, habit, and closed hearts, we hold back and do not follow your lead. When we recognize how we have fallen short, we can be tempted to run away.

What you offer is exactly what we need, yet we often reject your love with negative self-talk and resistance.

Search for us again, O Love of our hearts, and may we be mindful of who we are in your love so we can become all you have created us to be.

Words of assurance

When we call, One who is all love answers and gives us strength for our weariness. Though we fall short, Love draws near to us again and again bringing us out of our fear and resistance and into our calling as reflections of Christ. We have strength for the task and love for the journey – this is our good news today. Thanks be to God!

- **Hymn VU 374** Come and Find the Quiet Center

Children's Time: This Little Light of Mine

The Word

Old Testament Isaiah 6:1–8, (9–13)

- **Psalm 138 VU page 860** (responsively with the refrain)

Epistle Luke 5:1–11;

- **Hymn VU 595** We are Pilgrims

Gospel 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Sermon: Building Community, Sharing the Gift.

The Thanksgiving

- **Hymn VU 603** In Loving Partnership We Come

Minute for Mission

Gathering of Offerings

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

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● **Prayer of Dedication;** We give these gifts, knowing that all we give is a gift for our community. Creative wonder surrounds us every day. The bounties of our world enable us to share what we have received. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

Announcements

● **Hymn VU 264** Immortal Invisible God

● **Blessing and Sending forth**

God provides abundantly. We will live without fear.

God has filled our nets to bursting. We will live in joyful gratitude.

God has a great purpose for us all. We will follow God's lead.

Let us trust God who has been ever steadfast.

We will be bold and answer God's call. Go in God.

Postlude

Announcements

Welcome to worship with the Chalmers-Wesley community of faith. If you are a visitor or newcomer to the city, we invite you to sign our guest book and join us for tea, coffee and fellowship in the hall downstairs following the service. This Sunday we welcome our worship leader Keith Whittal.

Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday February 28 following the worship service. All yearly reports from various committees for inclusion in the Annual Report should be submitted to the church secretary by Friday, February 12th. A Potluck lunch will precede the meeting.

Sunday School class for younger members of the congregation is provided during the worship service each week by members of the congregation, on a rotating basis.

A series of concerts by the **Conservatoire de musique de Québec** will be taking place at **Chalmers-Wesley** over the next several months. For a complete list of concerts, please pick up a brochure at the church.

Goal of Phase I of the Spire Restoration

Fund-Raising Campaign:		\$700,000
Total of Grants from the following:		\$467,360
Religious Heritage Foundation (Provincial)	\$392,360	
Ville de Québec	75,000	
*Total of Donations from the following:		\$ 73,288
Foundations and Corporations	\$44,835	
Chalmers-Wesley members & friends	21,753	
Consistoire Laurentien	5,500	
Église Saint-Pierre members	1,200	
Total of Donations and Grants Received (Dec 2009)		<u>\$540,648</u>
Amount remaining to be raised		\$159,352

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