

Chalmers-Wesley United Church
January 24, 2010 – 11:15am
Worship Leader: Ellis Clark
Director of Music: Alain LeBlond

Gathering

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Spirit is upon, within, and all around us. With hearts open to receive the good news of God's good ways, let us worship God.

Opening prayer

God who calls, inspire us to share in the fulfillment of your good news as stories of your teaching and your ways flow forth from the page and into our lives. Amen

Prayer of Confession - Invitation

We like to think ourselves open to new ways and new ideas.

We tried that once and it didn't work!

We claim to be welcoming and hospitable.

Who invited that person?

And we truly desire help from new members.

We have always done it this way. *(Pause for reflection.)*

Prayer

Let us pray.

In our humanity, **we sometimes become set in our ways.**

In our fear, **we can be reluctant to break out of familiar routines.**

In our complacency, **we are not always willing to try new things.**

God, for all the times when we have cut off the dreams, hopes, or imaginings of your reign, we are truly sorry.

Words of assurance *(inspired by Psalm 19:14)*

Indeed, the Spirit of God is upon you.

Therefore the words of your mouth and the meditations of your heart are acceptable to God, your rock-solid companion and he liberator of your soul. **Thanks be to God!**

- **Hymn** God, Reveal Your Presence **VU 391**

The Word

Old Testament Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

- **Psalm** 19 **VU 740**

Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a *(Selected verses)*

- **Hymn** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness **VU 375**

Gospel Luke 4:14–21

Sermon

The Thanksgiving

- **Hymn** All the Way My Saviour Leads Me **VU 635**

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."*

- **Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

Announcements

- **Hymn** Breathe on Me, Breath of God **VU 382**

- **Blessing and Sending forth**

We have heard God's words and trust that the Spirit is upon us. May we be inspired to be a living fulfillment of all that is possible with God. **Amen.**

Postlude

- *Those who are able are invited to stand*

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 Ellis Clark.

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 must be submitted to the church secretary by Friday, February 12th. A Potluck lunch will precede the meeting.

The Community Christmas Hamper Committee held its wind-up meeting this past week and we are happy to report that a member of our own congregation, Shirley Nadeau, has been elected as the new Chair taking over from retiring chairman, Bob Stewart, who has held the post for the past ten years.

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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