

Chalmers-Wesley United Church
January 31, 2010 – 11:15am
Worship Leader: Donald Carver
Director of Music: Alain LeBlond

Gathering

Organ Prelude

Call to worship

In your presence we find a place of safety where we will never be put to shame. Your way is good and right and keeps us from all kinds of trouble. Tune your heart to the sounds of our voices as we open our hearts to worship you. Sing: chorus of "Spirit Come" Shelter us from all that threatens to destroy; for, with you, we do not have to be afraid. You are our hope and trust from the days of our youth. Tune your heart to the sounds of our voices as we open our hearts to worship you. Sing: chorus of "Spirit Come" We have trusted you from the time we were born; in fact, it was you who drew us out of our mothers' wombs and you midwife us along the way. Tune your heart to the sounds of our voices.

Opening prayer

God whose voice echoes all around and deep inside, speak to us through gentle reminders, hard truths, encouraging ideas, and emerging thoughts. Then put your words in our mouths that we may speak the ways of your love.

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, when we forget you in our busyness
make us mindful of your steadfast presence.

When we will not look truth in the face,
turn our eyes to your way.

When we recoil from the harsh realities of life,
open us to the suffering within and around us.

When we move on in blissful ignorance,
awaken in us a heart of compassion.

When we are afraid to speak our minds,
put into our mouths words of your justice.

When we question the very thought of you in our lives,
become real to us, once again, through love.

Words of assurance

God says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I set you apart as my own."

Secure in our place within God, we can receive both comfort and challenge, words easy and hard, future hope and present reality. Receive again this message: God says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I set you apart as my own." **Amen. Let it be so.**

- **Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **VU 220**

The Word

Old Testament Jeremiah 1:4–10

- **Psalm** 71:1–6 **VU 789**

Epistle 1 Corinthians 13:1–13

- **Hymn** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* **VU 371**

Gospel Luke 4:21–30

Sermon

To Be Like Jesus

- **Hymn** *Take My Life and Let It Be* **VU 506**

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** *He Leadeth Me* **VU 657**

● **Blessing and Sending forth**

God whose voice cascades in and through this place pour out your spirited words into our mouths. May we journey beyond these walls as prophets speaking your truth, disciples showing your way, and companions in Christ's name. **Amen.**

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 Donald Carver.

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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