

Chalmers-Wesley United Church  
May 9, 2010  
Leader: Elizabeth Huse  
Musical Director: Alain LeBlond

**Personal Reflection:** Joy is an inner experience of the presence of God—a relationship. It is impossible to categorize it or define it in words. Joy, like love itself, cannot be taught. Joy always is a sign that we are beginning to know God in the only way God can be known—through LOVE, that our hearts are open to this love, that we are beginning to allow ourselves to be touched and transformed by it. —*Irma Zalenski*

**Prelude**  
**Welcome and Announcements**

- Hymn *This is the Day* VU 412

**Opening Prayer**

Our Father,  
How many times do we need to hear *God is Love*  
before we get it? How many times do we need to hear  
*Love each other* before it sinks in? We are such slow learners.

Every time we start to over-think *what is love*,  
stop us dead in our tracks. Let us feel your Presence, and then  
we'll understand that **You are Love.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Responsive Reading – 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not  
love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

**If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries  
and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move  
mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.**

If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the  
flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not  
boast, it is not proud.**

It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it  
keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but  
rejoices with the truth.

**It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always  
perseveres.**

Love never fails.

**And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is love.**

- Hymn *Though I May Speak* VU 372

**Honoring Our Mothers**

**Minute for Mission**

**Gathering of Offerings**

**Gospel:** John 15: 9-13

**Community Prayer**

**New Testament:** 1 John 3:11-23

- Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* VU 333

**New Testament:** 1 John 4:11-12; 16-21

**Sermon** *Jesus and Love*

- Hymn *Come, Let Us Sing* VU 574

**Sending Forth**

**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 our worship leader is Elizabeth Huse.

**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.

We are happy to announce that at a recent Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbytery meeting, the **Rev. Valerie Vande Wiele** was named as our **Presbytery Supervisor**. She will be present at all future meetings of the Joint Search Committee as we continue our search for a new minister and at all Official Board Meetings and other important committee meetings, when necessary.

We are delighted to inform you that next **Sunday, May 16**, our Minister Emeritus, the **Rev. Martyn Sadler**, will be leading us in worship.

That same Sunday, we also look forward to the visit of **Wilbert and Joyce Ward** from Brampton, Ontario. Wilbert has offered his musical talents and will sing during the service.

On **Sunday, May 23**, the **Voices of Victory** youth choir from Cambridge Street United Church in Lindsay, Ontario, will give a musical presentation during our worship service. The musical, by Allen Pote and Tom Long, is called **Are We There Yet?** and is about the story of Moses and the Exodus. The 40-voice choir, directed by Mr. Erwin Stroobach was here in May of 2004 when they presented a story of David and Goliath entitled *The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit!* We look forward to having them with us again. We will be providing the choir members with a light lunch following the service. Your assistance will be called upon to prepare sandwiches and sweets, etc.

The congregations of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Old Quebec), St. Andrew's United and Presbyterian Churches (Valcartier) and église unie Saint-Pierre have been invited to join us at this musical worship service.

The **Official Board** meets next on **Tuesday, June 1, at 7:00pm**.

The work of the **Fund-Raising Steering Committee** has been completed and now the **Campaign Committee** will begin its phase of the project to raise the necessary funds to complete the restoration of the church tower. The Campaign Committee meets on **Friday, May 21 at 9:30am**.

The **Fund-Raising Campaign Steering Committee** held its fifth and last meeting on Thursday, May 6th. The membership of the committee is as follows: Grant McConnell and David Baker (Campaign Co-Chairs), Brian Skidmore, Carol Bircher, David Bircher, Nelson Neil, Joan Shea, Michael Ayre, Shirley Nadeau, David Rourke, Michel Cabanac and Andrew Coutts. Many of these committee members have agreed to chair sub-committees. Chair of the Official Board, Jean-Guy Gobeil, is also invited to attend all meetings.

Now that the planning stage of the campaign is finished, we begin with training and preparation of materials like brochures, etc. The lists of names of prospective donors continue to be improved. The solicitation part of the campaign will begin at the end of May for the Major Gifts (\$25,000 and more) and this will be our main focus until the summer break in July. Donors may pledge a donation to be given over a period of up to 5 years.

Our solicitation has, in a sense, already started. In a telephone conference call with the R. Howard Webster Foundation people, we were informed that the Foundation would be making a major donation at the beginning of June. Mr. Peter W. Webster has agreed to act as Chair of the Honorary Committee.

As of the next meeting on May 21, the Steering Committee becomes the Campaign Cabinet Committee. We will be looking for more people shortly to participate in the campaign. If you are approached by a member of the committee, please give serious consideration to help with this urgent fund-raising project.

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