



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH 2020

LAMENT AND HOPE

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**NO WORSHIP SERVICES ARE HELD IN THE CHURCH
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID 19.**

Song Books VU *Voices United* MV *More Voices*

**At this time we do not have a minister for the
congregation.**

**If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact
Marylil Megginson at 613-544-9420**

CHURCH

Sydenham Street United Church as an Affirming Congregation seeks to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity, informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible, and discerning the call of the Trinity as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life.

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Online Sunday Services: www.youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet

OFFICE HOURS

The Spire/SSUC Office: Monday to Friday 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

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Bold Text *indicates parts we all read together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Adagio (Sonata 1) – Felix Mendelssohn (Lament)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(As we light the Christ candle,
you are invited to light a candle at home in a safe place)

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

**With wonder and hope we face this new day.
We come together on the internet to praise God
and offer our thanks for what was and is.
Let us worship.**

HYMN VU 402 *We Are One*

1 We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found,
And we come needful of God's grace
As we meet together in this place.

2 We are ones as we share, as we share brokenness and fear,
In the touch of a hand there's the sense that God is here.
We are one as we care, as we heal we are healed,
And we share warmth in God's embrace
As we pray together in this place.

4 We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite,
In the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave, as we love we are loved,
And we seek justice in God's ways
As we move together from this place.

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OPENING PRAYER

Holy Mystery,

We gather as your people – the congregation of Sydenham Street United Church and our internet congregation. Our Church journey with Chalmers has brought us to a fork in the road and we say good bye for now with mixed feelings. Some are sad, some are frustrated, some are angry, some are relieved, some are hopeful. No matter how we feel, we know you are with us. We ask that you speak to us in this time of Worship and hold us close. Amen

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Gift Of Love

Hal H. Hopson

Barb Carr (Harp), Bill Egnatoff (Flute)

Arrangement by Barb Carr

A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**We open now to Sacred Mystery, to the Holy One,
infinitely greater than words can express,
whose love for us and all creation
exceeds our capacity to imagine. Amen**

READING

Psalm 90 (Selected Verses)

MESSAGE

Bruce Hutchinson

Lament and Hope

HOPE

hope is no pollyanna
bubbling and babbling with
false positives – draping
reality’s furniture with
pretty wishful-thinking throws
to hide holes and tears in
reality’s fabric

hope is not about “outcome”
but “on-going”
not about stressing over
a wished-for outcome
but going on with grace
while still embracing
a passion for the possible

hope does not reach for
rose-coloured glasses
it uses its reading glasses
for the close-up work of
day-to-day
hope sees each new day
of “on-going” as “outcome”
whole and complete in itself
but without letting go of its
passion for the possible
Norm Esdon

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offerings gratefully received online through
Canada Helps or by Canada Post.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Eileen Woloshyn

A Prayer in the form of The Lord's Prayer *by G. Epp, Edmonton AB*

God, who gives birth to the world, who gives us breath,
fill us with your light, and help us to usher in
your reign of love, justice and peace here on earth.
Tune us to the harmony of the heavens.
Teach us to sing your name.
Grant us wisdom, hope and compassion
for all living things, and feed us what we need each day.
Free us from what binds us,
as we release others from guilt and shame.
Help us to focus on what is good, and to do what is right.
Teach us how to love.
Renew our hearts, our minds, our strength,
and make us whole, and wholly yours. Amen

HYMN VU 586 *We Shall Go Out With Hope*

1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
we shall go out from strength to strength go on,
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed,
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love

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SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Allegro assai vivace (Sonata 1)- Felix Mendelssohn (Promise)

THANK YOU TO ALL TALENTS SHARED

Organist: Michael Capon
Hymn Choir: Barb Carr, alto
Beth Leake, alto
Sylvia Mann, soprano
Bruce Hutchinson, tenor
Worship Bruce Hutchinson
Leaders: Eileen Woloshyn