

# SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH

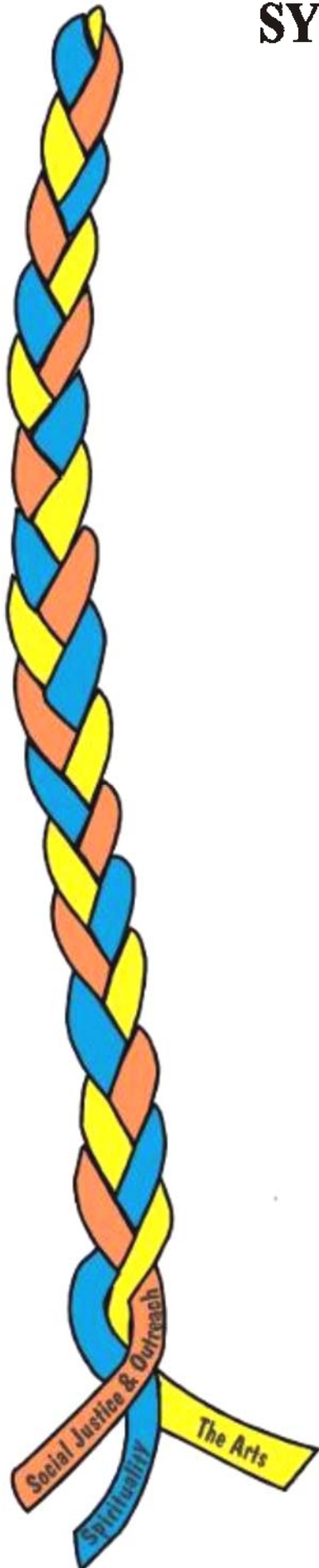
## Kingston, Ontario

Minister  
Rev. Rienk Vlietstra

Music Director  
Glen Thompson



*As an Affirming Congregation  
we seek 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.*



Sydenham Street United Church  
SUNDAY, June 18, 2017  
Morning Worship at Ten Thirty  
**Pentecost 3 ~ Aboriginal Sunday**  
(\* Indicates Stand If You Are Able)  
**BOLD TEXT INDICATES CONGREGATION'S PARTICIPATION**



**Gathering in Community**

**Prelude:** God, Take My Hand and Lead Me ~ *Friedrich Silcher*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit:** "For the Healing of the Nations" ~ *VU #678 v. 1&4*

**Responsive Call to Worship** (Based on John 10 & 17)

Jesus claimed that he was sent by the "Father"  
**with whom he celebrated a mystical one-ness.**

Many of the indigenous Peoples  
encountered by the newcomers to Canada  
**celebrated a mystical one-ness  
with their Father-Creator and Mother-Earth.**

Jesus called his disciples and now us  
**into that one-ness, into that mystery.**

When counselling the religious leaders of his day,  
**using the metaphor of sheep and shepherds,**

Jesus suggested that they had abused the people:  
**that they had not cared for them  
as good shepherds care for the sheep.**

And, as an addendum, Jesus advised them  
**that he had other sheep, not of their fold, or clan;**  
That his mandate—his life, death and rebirth -  
**his promise of abundant life, included them also.**

**\*Hymn 1 in More Voices** "Let Us Build a House" (verses 1, 4 & 5) ~ *Two Oaks*

**Invocation: Psalm 19** (#740 in Voices United, refrain 2)

**Listening for God's Word**

**Responsive Scripture Readings**

**Isaiah 2:2-5**

In days to come, the mountain of the house of Yahweh shall be established as the highest of the mountains; and it shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

**Many peoples shall arrive and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh,  
to the house of the God of our people;  
ready to learn the rules by which to live  
and the pathways on which to walk."**

For from the "People of the Book" shall go forth instruction, and the word of Yahweh shall ring out from their cities. Yahweh shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples.

**They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not raise the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**

O, "Children of the Covenant", come, let us walk in the light of Yahweh!

### **Matthew 10:40-42**

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

- 3 **Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous.**

And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple... truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

For the Word of God in Scripture

For the word of God among us

For the Word of God within us

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn 595** "We Are Pilgrims" ~ *Servant Song*

### **Responding to God's Love**

#### **Offerings of Our Life and Work**

**Offertory Anthem:** "Father, We Praise Thee" ~ *F.R.C. Clarke*

#### **Sung Response (#191 in More Voices)**

**What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?**

**I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

#### **Prayers of the People, Silent Prayer and Spoken Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn 600** "When I Needed a Neighbour" ~ *Neighbour*

**Come to the Blanket Exercise in the Park. Lunch will be provided.**

*Please see back of bulletin*

*Welcome to the service this morning*

You were greeted this morning by Vicki & Kirby Ruthven, Jack Soule & Kenn Doerksen. After Worship join us for coffee and conversation in the lower hall. Your hosts are Mary LeRoy & Diane Soule.

Thank you to Lay Reader, Kenn Doerksen.

*For those people who are hearing impaired, we have hearing-assist equipment available.*

#### **Hospitality for our youngest children!**

A "drop-in centre" for children (up to 4 years old) and their parents is set up in the conference room. No supervision is available but if your little one is restless, needs to play and have some space, please check out this inviting option.

### **News & Announcements**

#### **NEW—Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group (JTRAG)**

A number of interested people from Sydenham St and Chalmers United Churches have been meeting regularly since November to consider our collective responses to the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. You will recall that the Commission, chaired by now Senator Murray Sinclair, found that Canada had attempted cultural genocide in its treatment of First Nations People. Canadian churches, including the United Church of Canada and its pre-1925 predecessors played a role in this policy by operating residential schools. The United Church of Canada issued a formal apology for its part in 1986 and again in 1998. For more information, see <http://www.united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/apologies>

There is much more to do. Senator Sinclair has called specifically on church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop education strategies to ensure learning about the church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools and what the apologies were necessary (Call to Action 59)

On Saturday, June 10th, Mary-Stewart Ross (CUC), who chairs this group with Lynn Freeman (SSUC) organized a concert with proceeds benefitting the Ontario Native Women's Association Indigenous Food Project. We have also hosted the KAIROS blanket exercise for church members in January and June 11 and along with St James Anglican Church will offer this interactive story on the relationship between Canada's First Peoples and Europeans this Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> in City Park. We are looking to establish lending libraries on Indigenous history and culture, our relationships, and reconciliation at each of our churches.

Over the coming months, we will be exploring opportunities to connect with others in Kingston who share our interest to affect change in our relationship with First Nations people and advance reconciliation. We will also be looking at new opportunities to educate ourselves and others in our congregations on these issues.

A new website (<https://sites.google.com/site/jtragkingston/home>) provides information on our group activities and a calendar on coming events in the area that may be of interest. Please feel free to contact Lynn [lynn.freeman@queensu.ca](mailto:lynn.freeman@queensu.ca) or Mary Stewart [marystewartross@gmail.com](mailto:marystewartross@gmail.com) if you have questions or suggestions. Please also watch for further invitations to join in the path to reconciliation.

**Working On a New Future Together** -- At Chalmers United Church we are grateful that our two congregations have each endorsed the recommendations put forward by the Chalmers/SSUC Joint Committee. We look forward to getting to know you better, learning from each other and working together to enrich our congregational life and extend our service within the broader community. We believe that we can do more together, building on the strong foundations of our shared values and individual histories. While this is a great step forward, much of our future is uncharted and yet to be discovered. We look forward to developing that vision together.

The Joint Churches Committee set out the next steps for our future collaboration and our congregations have approved the establishment of a Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC). We have identified four (4) members from our congregation to work with four (4) members from SSUC to define the role for a shared Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care this summer, with the expectation that the committee will report back to our congregations in the early fall 2017.

Our two congregations have also agreed to establish a joint Ministry and Personnel Committee and a joint Worship Committee. As well we gave assent to the Chalmers/SSUC Joint Committee to continue its work in guiding our congregations during this transition process and leading the consultation on the second ministry position, currently envisioned as half time, with a focus on congregational life and community engagement. Our Chalmers CCE and your SSUC executive will be receiving regular reports from the Committee on these transitional processes.

None of us knows exactly what we will encounter on this shared journey and there will surely be a few bumps along the way, but guided and encouraged by the Spirit of God, we are glad to be walking the path with you.

Our summer worship begins with shared services at Chalmers in July. We welcome you to join us for strawberry shortcake and ice cream after the service on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On behalf of Chalmers United Church, the members of the Executive wish to offer our support and our commitment to be bold and loving partners in faith in our neighbourhood and our world, as we move forward both individually, and together.

Lynne Clarke, Clerk  
Joan Simeon, Treasurer  
Bob Little, Trustees Chair  
Ian Johnston, M&P Chair  
Ann Patteson, Member at Large

## Sydenham Street United Church

Our final "Just Lunch" event before our summer break is scheduled for Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at The Boathouse Restaurant in ROCKPORT. We have booked lunch for 12.30 pm.

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If you would like to Car Pool please gather at 11.00 am at 4 Huntsmill Crescent, the home of Ken & Sylvia Mann.

**Directions :** *cross the LaSalle Causeway and follow Hy # 2 East towards Gananoque. Leaving CFB Kingston's last traffic light behind you will pass the car garage, the Ravensview Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sibbit Road on your right. Take the next right turn down Faircrest Blvd. Huntsmill Crescent is the second Cul-de-Sac on your right.*

*If you are driving on your own, follow the 1,000 Islands Parkway past the Bridge to the USA, quite soon thereafter turn right into ROCKPORT. Go down almost to the Rockport Boatlines, and there is a small Motel on your right. The way into the Boathouse Restaurant is to go past the front of the motel to access Rockport harbour. The Restaurant overlooks this little harbour. Hopefully the parking area will be above the high water levels which have caused problems all along the shores of The St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario!*

**R.S.V.P.** Please let Meikle Turner know that you plan to join us before 5.00 pm on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> so that we can give the Restaurant an idea as to how many to expect! 613-542-7744 e-mail [meikle\\_irish@yahoo.com](mailto:meikle_irish@yahoo.com)

### Circle Events

**West End and Far West End Circles** will celebrate summer with a pot luck supper at the home of Jack and Diane Soule, 66 Glenora Drive in Bath. We will gather at 5:30 on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please let Jack or Diane or Susan Davis know if you can come. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

**ATTENTION: Job Opportunity:** Sunday Coffee Hour crew member. Qualifications: ability to boil water, wash and dry cups. Hours: a couple of hours about once a month on Sundays after worship. Remuneration: smiles, camaraderie and thankyou's. To apply: contact The SSUC Office, Diane Soule, Barbara Parrott (613 389-3601) or Sue Doerksen. *SSUC Coffee Hour is an equal opportunity employer.*

### Community Events

The **Kingston Rainbow Refugee Project** is selling limited edition prints of this work of art to raise money for LGBTQ2 refugee sponsorships. Not only is it an amazing piece of art but it was created by "Larry" the Nigerian refugee they are sponsoring first. The prints are \$225 (framing not included). Please email [steve.hoffard@gmail.com](mailto:steve.hoffard@gmail.com) for information on how to order one. The original can be viewed at the HARS Queer Art Show during the month of June.



# KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE



**Sunday June 18th, 11:15 – 3:00**

**City Park, Kingston, ON**

Hosted by Sydenham Street United Church  
and

**St. James' Anglican Church, Kingston, ON**

Please join us for an interactive and experiential exercise to help us better understand the shared history of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people on Turtle Island.

“The Blanket Exercise will get you, for a time at least, walking in someone else’s shoes, and will raise your awareness and understanding of Aboriginal people in Canada.” Rev. Curtis Korver

Please bring: blanket, sheet or large towel to be used in the exercise; lawn chairs

(Rain site – Parish Hall, St. James' Anglican Church, 10 Union Street)

