

SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH

Kingston, Ontario

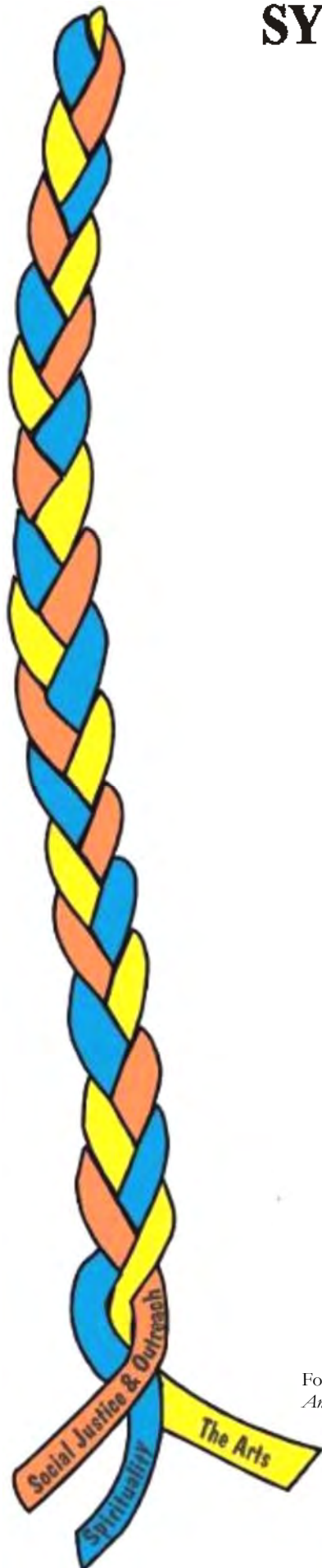
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Rev. Rienk Vlietstra

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.*

For millennia indigenous people have inhabited this land. We gather on the traditional shared territory of the Anishinaabek and Haudenosaunee Peoples, grateful for their historic stewardship.



Sydenham Street United Church
Sunday, October 22, 2017
Morning Worship at Ten Thirty
Peace Sunday

(* Indicates Stand If You Are Able)

BOLD TEXT INDICATES CONGREGATION'S PARTICIPATION



Gathering in Community

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Responsive Call to Worship (based on 2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One:

appearing among us to reveal God's love.

And we, the Church, we are God's people:

called together to make Christ visible in today's world,

always open to the presence of the Holy One...

A few moments of silence... Let us worship God!

***Hymn 173 in More Voices** "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

Invocation & Communal Reflection: *Psalm 46 (Refrain: #95 in More Voices)

Refrain: *How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose wrongs are forgiven;
how deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose hearts are healed.*

War and rumours of wars swirl around us, corporate conflicts engulf us.

Only God, our shelter from strife, stands firm in these shifting sands.

We have nothing to fear.

God gives us strength for the stresses of each day.

We have nothing to fear.

Though the social order is shaken; though our leaders crash and burn;
though basic standards are ignored; and through our heritage is scorned.

Still... we have nothing to fear. Refrain

The comforting presence of God

Pours over us like cool water on a burning beach

God is with us... and it makes us glad.

God is an oasis of calm in a frenzy of feeding sharks;

The ambitious climb over each other; the emperor stands naked

Under the clear eyes of innocence; they are all frozen in their folly.

But God is with us! God is our sanctuary Refrain

See how wonderfully Yahweh's Holy Spirit of Salvation is at work.

Those who would beat others have beaten themselves.

Those obsessed with winning end up coming short;

obsessed with themselves, they end up alone.

all their struggles add up to nothing... to zip!

This is God's warning to the warring, God's word to the world:

"Be still, and know that I—and only I—am God!"

In the tumult of the nations, in the torment of the earth,

God is our sanctuary. Thanks be to God. Refrain

**James Taylor, Everyday Psalms, Woodlake Books, 1995 p. 63-64 (adapted)*

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

Choir Anthem: "Thou Knowest, Lord" ~ *Henry Purcell*

Listening for God's Word

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 13:1-16 and Mark 12:28-34

- 3 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 142 in More Voices** "Oh a Song Must Rise"

Peace Sunday Message: "Living Peace"

"Love God with all... and one's neighbour as oneself... there is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31

Responding to God's Love

***Hymn 359** "He Came Singing Love" ~ *Singing Love*

Prayers of the People, Silent Prayer and Sung Lord's Prayer (#960 in Voices United)

Offerings of Our Life and Work

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

Sung Response (#227:2 in Voices United)

**In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

Please remain standing for the Closing Hymn

***Closing Hymn 378** "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" ~ *Morecambe*

Commissioning

Choral Blessing 963

**May the grace of Christ attend us,
and the love of God surround us,
and the Holy Spirit keep us,
now and ever. Amen**

Postlude

Welcome to the service this morning

You were greeted this morning by Margaret & Meikle Turner and Norm Esdon. After Worship join us for coffee and conversation in the lower hall. Your hosts are Mary Ev Wyatt & Diane Soule.

Our appreciation is extended to lay reader, Norm Esdon for his participation in today's service.

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.

SSUC Announcements

Next Sunday there will not be a service here at SSUC. We will be joining our friends at Chalmers United Church for a community worship service of congregational song recognizing the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther and the Reformation. Dr. Andrew Donaldson will be playing and preaching.

The Spire - A Beacon Reimagined

Sincere thanks to all those who worked to make yesterday's celebration event such a success. Thanks to volunteers who served as guides, organizers, speakers, performers, display makers, food people, the construction workers who transformed our space, the cleaners and many other functions too numerous to mention. Thanks also to donors and to those who took the time to attend this event. Much appreciated.

Bruce Hutchinson for Friends of The Spire

Sydenham Street and Chalmers United Churches are working towards a shared staffing model. We anticipate beginning worshipping together on Epiphany Sunday, January 7 2018. A joint worship committee, chaired by Eileen Woloshyn from SSUC and Barb Fletcher from Chalmers, is working on plans; please let them know your ideas.

As recently approved by both congregations, four members from each of our two congregations have been appointed to a joint search committee (JSC) to find an ordered shared full-time minister of word, sacraments and pastoral care. We are currently awaiting Presbytery approval of the JNAC report and the membership of the JSC, following which the committee will begin its important work..

A joint Ministry and Personnel committee is finalizing job descriptions for other staff positions.

The joint steering committee, chaired by Juliet Huntly from Chalmers and Ruth Wilson from SSUC, continues to guide this process, reporting regularly to the executive of SSUC and the Coordinating Council of Elders at Chalmers. Your thoughts and prayers are welcome as we move through this process together.

Who is Jesus? This is the central theme for our "Questions of Faith" discussions which resumes today at 12noon, facilitated by Rev. Rienk Vlietstra and Rev. Norm Esdon, in the conference room. Other proposed meeting dates (to be confirmed by the group) are November 5, November 19 and December 3, 2017. Everyone is welcome to attend one or all of these discussions which are intended to complement last year's exploration on "Who is God?" For more information, please see Rienk, Norm or Lynn Freeman, chair of the Engaging the Spirit Circle.

Zatoun Peace Gift Box

Once again, you are invited to participate in the **Zatoun Peace Gift Box** program to support Fair Trade purchase of Palestinian produced products. This year the gift box will consist of a bottle of Zatoun Olive Oil, a package of Za'atar spice (a favourite of our Syrian friends) and olive oil soap. The cost of the gift box is \$35.00 of which 10% goes to the United Church Mission and Service Fund. You must pre-order at the table set up in the lower hall. Order taking closes on November 12. Gift boxes will be delivered at the church early in December. Thanks for participating in "Peace for Palestine". For information contact Bruce Hutchinson, hutchinb@queensu.ca or 613-542-7645.

The next luncheon meeting of our **Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** (formerly the Joint Men's Group but now a non gender-specific group) will be at 11:30 am, **Tuesday, Nov.14**, 2017, at Mino's Village Restaurant, 1762 Princess Street. Our guest will be Julie Salter-Keane, Community Projects Manager, City of Kingston. She will speak to us about the redevelopment of the Portsmouth Olympic Harbour / Penitentiary Site.

Everyone from Sydenham St. U.C. and Chalmers is invited to attend. Individuals on call lists will be contacted by team captains. Others wishing to attend and/or to have their name added to our call list, please contact **Meikle Turner at (613) 542-7744 or meikle_irish@yahoo.com before 5 pm on Sunday, Nov.12th**. This is to ensure that adequate accommodation can be arranged at Mino's. The cost for the luncheon, including tax & gratuity, is \$22. per person (a \$20 bill plus a toonie, please).

Keep up to date!

UCOBSERVER

Read *The United Church Observer* each month to learn what is happening in Canada and elsewhere in relation to living a faithful life in our world today. Sample copies of "The Observer" are available at a display table in the foyer near the new elevator at coffee-time.

Join or renew your subscription with the SSUC group subscription at the display – today . New subscribers are encouraged and welcome!!! Donations of \$25 are invited to cover the cost of your subscription in the group. For more information, please call Linda Hutchinson at 613-542-7645 or email hutchinl@kingston.net

Small Group Gatherings

- There will be a **Prayer Shawl meeting on October 27**, 2017 at 11:00 – 1:00 pm in the Conference Room (yes construction is finished and looks great). Join us for some knitting, crocheting, tea and conversation. Bring a bag lunch along with any prayer shawls you have managed to complete during the summer months and of course your knitting/crocheting. Everyone welcome.

Circle Gatherings

- **The West End and Far West End Circles of Companionship** are gathering at the home of Marylil Megginson, 65 Grosvenor Court for a Pot Luck at 5:30 on Friday, November 3rd. We look forward to seeing many of you there to share stories of our summers and just to be together. Call Marylil 544 9420 or Susan Davis 546 4450 to let us know that you are coming.

Anyone who wants to meet others while enjoying a common activity is welcome to join a **SSUC Small Group**. Members of Small Groups find friendship and opportunities for casual conversation about important matters like social justice, and spirituality. Small Groups are one way people find that they can be church to and for each other at SSUC. Today there will be sign-up sheets and people happy to answer your questions, at the front of the Sanctuary and during Coffee Hour. Co-ordinators: Barbara Parrott 613-389-3601, Sue Doerksen 613-766-3254.

Wider Church & Community Announcements

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM FIRST UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY MINISTRY - This urban ministry working to make a difference with the people in Vancouver's "Downtown Eastside" is looking to garner sufficient votes from supporters for a video they made to qualify for \$50,000 in funding "to buy a vehicle to take folks out of the urban core and into nature. As Executive Director Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne advises, "The people we work with are deeply-entrenched in the street like of Vancouver and seldom have the resources or opportunity to enjoy nature. When we are to bring them into a natural setting— a beach, community or Indigenous herbal medicine gardens, a park— the transformation is remarkable. Tremendous healing takes place when folks connect— or in many instances reconnect— with the natural world. You can view the video at: <https://youtube/KCHwhHN8SHM>. If you are not already supporting another project through the AVIVA Community Fund Campaign, you can vote up to 18 times (from one account only) between October 10th and 19th, you can vote at: <https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/voting/project/view/17-386>



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Requiem

Experience the power and beauty of the music of W.A. Mozart.
On the program: Requiem, Laudate Dominum, Overture to The Magic Flute & more.

Friday November 10, 7:30 pm
The Spire, Sydenham St United Church

Tickets: \$25 / \$20
Available at orchestrakingston.ca, kingstonchoralsociety.ca, eventbrite.ca,
Tara Foods, The Church Book Room, Long & McQuade, Arden Music & Novel Idea

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Singing For Our Lives

Chalmers United Church

2017 Hilliker Preaching Lectureship

DR. ANDREW DONALDSON

Composer Lyricist Guitarist Lutenist Teacher Recording Artist

International *animateur* of Global Song Pastoral Musician

Saturday October 28

Public Workshops

1 pm Songs of the Whole Inhabited Earth

"When we sing together we renew our strength. Walls fall down. Prisons vanish. Life is renewed. Apartheid is dismantled. A dream becomes a reality."

Expect lots of effective tips and practical teaching and fun participation.

3 pm Singing Proclamation

"When we sing together, we give brief life to a world of good things.

We flirt and make love. We settle arguments. We roar out in anger,

Tell our side of the story, Celebrate a victory, Lament a loss, Worship."

Learn how to empower the musical gifts of the people in 2017.

6 pm Chalmers Fall Community Banquet

with Andrew Donaldson, in MacCallum Hall

Sunday October 29

10:30 am *Singing For Our Lives*

Community Worship Service of Congregational Song,

recognizing the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther and the Reformation

Dr. Andrew Donaldson playing and preaching.

Workshop Registration Preferred

212 Barrie St, Kingston ON in the triangle of Barrie, Clergy and Earl Streets

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The Poet Sings

And everyone burst into singing, And I was filled with such delight...

Siegfried Sassoon



Saturday November 4, 7:30 pm

The Spire, Sydenham St United Church

Great music inspired by great poets: Tennyson, Goethe, R. L. Stevenson, Dickinson & more
Featuring special guests *Triola* string trio, *Wolf Tormann*, *Paul Clifford* & *Clare Gordon*

Tickets: \$22 / \$20 / \$12

Available at The Church Bookroom, Long & McQuade

& online at cantabilechoirs.ca / info@cantabilechoirs.net / 613 549 0099



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Subscriptions to the Cantabile Choirs 2017-18 season "Let Me Sing" may still be purchased by calling Hollie at the office (613) 549-0099. Full subscriptions offer a special rate of 5 concerts for the price of 4. Don't miss out on season highlights: Cantabile Christmas concerts, guest conductor, Jonathan Willcocks of the UK, 'Willy Wonka' and one of Canada's most innovative ensembles, the Bicycle Opera Project. There are wonderful discounts for seniors as well. Be sure to purchase your season subscription before the November 4th concert.



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