



SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



“YOU WANT TO SEE JESUS?”

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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.

"If you live in the dark a long time and the sun comes out, you do not cross into it whistling. There's an initial uprush of relief at first, then--for me, anyway--a profound dislocation. My old assumptions about how the world works are buried, yet my new ones aren't yet operational. There's been a death of sorts, but without a few days in hell, no resurrection is possible."

- Mary Karr 21st Century

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Gift of Love

Barb, harpist

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

There is a song in my soul.

It rises from the very depths demanding expression.

I can only hear this song in the very deepest silence.

The melody is compassion. The lyrics are service.

The rhythm is activity. The harmony is fellowship.

The song will end when I become the song.

The song, the singer, and the singing. All become One.

HYMN **SING MV 20** *God of Still Waiting*

God of still waiting, God of deep longing, God of the hearts true rest: hold us in fathomless peace, guard us with unwaning love.

Spirit of promise, Spirit of purpose, Spirit of ceaseless prayer: bathe us in life full and free, kindle our wonder and hope.

Word who comes to us, Word who lives with us, Word who disturbs and heals: silence our chattering fears, waken our unconscious faith.

Word true and faithful, hope bringing Spirit, God of enfolding love: come in your fullness and grace; work through our lives for your praise.

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SPACE FOR THE SPIRIT

When you hear the sound of the Tibetan singing bowl being struck,
you are invited to enter into a time of silence (2 minutes),
to make space for the Spirit in your life.

Taking deep breaths **"in and out"**
– you open all of your senses to the Spirit of life
that pulses throughout the cosmic universe.

🌀 **MV 85** *Take, O Take Me as I Am (x2)*
**Take, O take me as I am; summon up what I shall be;
set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.**

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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.**

John 12:20-33

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Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Ava Maria - Franz Abt

Donna Delyea

REFLECTION

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF JESUS

**Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy, may your dominion come,
may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need; and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors; and do not put us to the test,
but rescue us from evil. For yours is the dominion,
and the power, and the glory forever.** United Church of Christ-USA 1995

HYMN MV 150 *Spirit God, Be Our Breath*

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song. Blow through us,
Bring in strength to move on. Our world seems inward,
Defensive, withdrawn. Spirit God, be our song.

Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear. Comfort us.
When we know you are near we grow more certain, our
vision is clear. Patient God, Calm our fear.

Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer. Reaching out,
Joining hands as we share, we seek your guidance through
friendship and care. Loving God, be our prayer.

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song. Blow through us
bringing strength to move on. Through change, through challenge,
we'll greet the new dawn. Spirit God, be our song.

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Aurora Dokken

On St. Mary's: Oh God Unseen, but Ever Near - Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

NOTE For Prayers of The People:

While we continue to worship on-line, you are invited to send any
prayers you might have to Rev. Barry's email to included in our
Sunday Prayers.

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Worshipping Sundays Together
By Livestreaming only during March
No congregational worship in the church.