

# SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



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## **BACK TO THE FUTURE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES**

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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.

## 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.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

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**SSUC Administrator:** [613-542-9616 x 202](tel:613-542-9616)

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**Rentals/Room Bookings @ The Spire:** [613-542-9616 x 201](tel:613-542-9616)

**Web:** <http://sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/>

**Online Sunday Services:** [www.youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet](http://www.youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet)

**Bold Text** *indicates parts we all read together*

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**



### **PRELUDE**

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba – G.F Handel

### **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**

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

**One:** This is the time. This is the place.

**All:** **For us to remember that we meet you, Holy One, in all times, all places, and all people.**

**One:** In the faces around us, help us to notice your face.  
In the hands that hold ours, help us to feel your hands.

**All:** **In what we have and who we are, help us to know your love. In the name of our teacher, by the power of the Spirit, held close by the Creator, we ask it.**



#### **HYMN VU 227**

##### *For the Fruit of All Creation*

**1** For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2 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.  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us'  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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## CENTERING PRAYER

One: Spirit of life

**All: Fill our emptiness with your fullness**

One: Spirit of power

**All: Stir our hearts afresh**

One: Spirit of love

**All: Touch us, and through us, our neighbour**

One: Spirit of Creativity

**All: Enable and empower the gifts you have given**

One: Spirit of Eternity

**All: Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2-15



## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Allegretto- A.P.F Boely

# **A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD**

## **A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Everlasting God, whose tenacious love holds us:  
make our hearts the house of your truth,  
and make our minds the realm of your wisdom,  
so that our fellowship will become your dwelling place,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## **REFLECTION**

**Back to the Future in Uncertain Times**

Lynn Freeman



# **COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE**

## **SHARING OF OUR GIFTS**

Offerings gratefully received online through:

- Canada Helps
- e-transfers to [bmgspire@kos.net](mailto:bmgspire@kos.net)  
or
- Canada Post.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **PRAYER OF JESUS**

**Our Father, Our Mother, Our Holy One,  
May our kin-dom come  
And your will be done here on earth.  
May we find this day the bread we need  
And may we feel forgiveness for our missteps  
And forgive, freely others for theirs.  
May we walk away from temptation and focus on good.  
For yours is the kin-dom, the power  
And the glory, now and forever. Amen**



## HYMN VU 651

### *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah  
pilgrim through the barren land  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee,

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## SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's countenance shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May God bless you all the days of your life and grant you peace. Amen.



## POSTLUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus-arr. Emma Lou Diemer

**THANK YOU TO  
TALENTS SHARED**

**Organist:** Michael Capon

**Choristers:** Barb Carr  
Donna Delyea  
Bruce Hutchinson  
Beth Leake  
Sylvia Mann

**Worship** Lynn Freeman

**Leaders:** Jack Soule