



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



WE'RE ALL PART OF THE FAMILY
Reverend Elizabeth Macdonald

OCTOBER 4 2020

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

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

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Chaconne in F minor~J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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 PRAYER

God of the universe,

we praise your great long work of creation:

**the moment of glory when our universe began
the birth and burning of the first brilliant stars,
the stars' explosion in blazing supernovas;
the formation of our sun from scattered bits of dust;
the emergence of Earth, the wonder of water,
and there in the waters the miracle of life.**

We praise your great long work of creation:

**the unfolding of plant and animal life,
the development of human body and brain
and all the marvels of human creativity;
our rapidly expanding knowledge and technology;
our coming to understand where we have come from
and all that we are intimately part of.**

We praise your great long work of creation.

God of the universe,

**we thank you for your billions of years of making in bringing this
to be.**

**May we live in the awareness of your magnificent and ongoing
creation.**

May we live in ways that honour your work.

May we be agents of your continuing creation.

Blessed be. Amen

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM

“HOW GREAT IS YOUR FAMILY”

As a robin gathers her brood
under her wings, O Holy One,
you gather us in families –
**nuclear extended; mended and blended;
denominational, ecumenical;
national and racial.**

In a robin and her brook, O Holy One,
you reveal your greater family –
**not only people of every feather
but robins, too,
the trees that cradle them,
and the earth that bears us all.**

In your family, O Holy One, you gather
creatures of every colour
of skin, bark and feather;
**O Holy One, how great is your family
in all the earth!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12 – Selected Verses

MUSICAL REFLECTION

The Lord's Prayer~Allan Caron
Solo, Donna Delyea

REFLECTION

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

SHARING THE PEACE & LIGHT OF CHRIST

This Little Light of Mine (Traditional)

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God is with you.

All: God is with all creation.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift our hearts to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God:

Creator of all that is,

Christ that calls us to wholeness,

Spirit that blows us where it will.

All: Thank you, God!

One: We thank you, God—for everything.

A long time ago, you decided to start something new.

Out of that newness came all that exists.

Out of that newness came the stars in the sky,

the planets, and moons. The water, the air—and life!

All: Thank you, God!

One: Here, in this place,

on *this* planet,

you created life that took many shapes.

Single-celled creatures that became many-celled creatures.

Many-celled creatures that became plants, became animals,
became us.

All: Thank you, God!

One: Throughout our history, we human beings
have tried to understand how we came to be,
and why we came to be . . .

. . .And so we pray the words Jesus gave to all disciples,
the ones that remind us that you love us
with all the love a mother can give,
with all the love a father can give, saying

All: Our Father, who art...

One: On the night that Jesus was taken away
by people afraid of what Jesus was teaching of your love . . .
. . .In this hope, your people praise you:

All: Holy God! Holy One! Holy Three!

Praise now and forever!

Amen. Amen! AMEN!

SHARING BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

PRAYER IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNION

Bread comes from the earth.

Wine comes from the soil.

Thank you, God, for sharing it all.

Help us to lend our voice in caring for Earth.

Help us to see the birds of the air,

the fish of the water,

the plants and animals that live with us

as part of our communion in your love.

In Christ's name,

we ask it. Amen.

SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING



POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A minor~ John James (d.1795)

THANK YOU TO TALENTS SHARED

Juliet Milsome, Organist
Donna Delyea, Soloist

Prayers in Today's Worship were composed by the following people:
Gathering Prayer - Brian Day, member of Creation Crisis Response
at Salt Spring Island United Church, Salt Spring Island, BC;
Psalm – SSUC Poet Emeritus, Norm Esdon;
Communion Prayers - United Church Moderator, Richard Bott.

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offerings gratefully received online through:

- Canada Helps
- e-transfers to bmgspire@kos.net
or
- Canada Post.

NOTICES

Two Church Lunch and Learn starts October 20, 2020!!!

Tuesday October 20th, 2020 at 12:45 pm: The Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet by ZOOM. Our speaker will be **Ruth Gruer, Executive Director of Providence Village**, an initiative that includes Hospice Kingston and many other organizations. The topic is Development of Providence Village. Everyone from Sydenham St. and Chalmers and your friends are invited to attend. If you wish to attend this event, please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or meikle_irish@yahoo.com. Due to the risk presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, this session is being held on Zoom and the event will not include lunch. Please let Meikle know by 5:00 pm on Sunday October 18th if you plan to attend. We will send you the link to the Zoom session on Monday October 19th. There will be no charge for attending this Lunch & Learn session.

Our **Tuesday November 10th** meeting will feature Brett Christopher speaking on The Future of Artists and the Arts ... at a location and time to be decided.