



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



YOUR KINGDOM BANQUET COME

WORLD FOOD DAY
OCTOBER 18 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

World Food Day was established in October 1945 to commemorate the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. It is one of the most celebrated days in the U.N. calendar, with events organized in more than 150 countries across the world. They are united in their goal to promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and help strengthen the link between agriculture and food security.

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-Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Prelude

Gustav Merkel

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

**In the darkest valley,
at the banquet table;
in the hard work of life,
at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day reality,
at times set aside—
like this time, now—
for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
with every step we take:
goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow.**



HYMN MV 1

Let Us Build a House

Let us build a house
Where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where
Saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Marty Haugen

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OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God,
in love You open wide the doors
and welcome us into Your presence— saints and sinners alike.
You spread a table before us,
filled with the richest fare—
a feast of love and mercy
for the body and soul.

We come with joy to meet You here,
to eat and drink at Your table,
to taste and see Your goodness,
to celebrate Your grace and mercy in our lives.

May Your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving,
our prayers and petitions
as we worship together in Your presence.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our host and Lord. Amen.



INTERLUDE

Aria from The Magic Flute
A. Mozart

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

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

**All: We believe in the goodness of God. We believe God hears
and responds to our needs. We believe God responds to all
children everywhere.**

One: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me
beside still waters, he restores my soul.

All: We are grateful that we've been blessed with enough water. But we know that many do not have enough. Not enough water, not enough food, not enough peace.

One: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

All: Too many children do not see God's righteousness. Too many children watch violence, taste hunger, feel fear. Too many children cry from the unspeakable horror of war.

One: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

All: To become involved is risky. Pain is often contagious. Our hearts may be broken and our lives may be threatened. Yet we hear God calling and we can no longer hide.

One: Thou preparest a table for me in the presence of my enemies; thou annointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

All: Our steps may be small and timid. We may read a book, write a letter, or make a gift. But each tiny step is blessed by God and multiplies.

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: God is more relentless than war. God is more pervasive than hatred. God is more insistent than despair. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22: 15-21

REFLECTION

Reflections on World Food Sunday:
Examining how Kingston Values Food

Jennifer Ruddy
Executive Director, Loving Spoonful Kingston

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

God, we come into Your presence
with praise and thanksgiving for Your faithful love.
Your love never fails—not even when
we turn away from You:
when we ignore Your invitation,
or desert You for gods of our own making.
Even then You do not abandon us,
but reach out—again and again—
inviting us back into relationship once more.

As You welcome us, so You welcome our prayers.
We bring them to You with confidence,
knowing that You will hear and answer.
We pray for the world You created, and
the people who share it with us:
for those caught up in war or violent conflict,
for farmers struggling to adapt to the changing climate,
for the millions in our world who are starving,
for the millions who are chronically hungry
for greater action on our part to feed the hungry,
for those who harden their hearts against the poor,
for all who work to eliminate world hunger,
for all our neighbours, both known and unknown to us,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Pour out Your Spirit, unite us as one human family.
Fix our hearts and minds on what is
true and honourable and right,
as we search for better ways to serve your
people and work together to end hunger.
Keep us faithful to the call we have
received in Christ Jesus, our Lord,
extending Your loving invitation to the world around us.
In Jesus' name. Amen.



HYMN VU 697

O For A World

O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

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SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

As you have been loved – love.
As you have been welcomed – welcome.
As you have been fed – feed.
As you have received – give.
And may the boundless love of God,
the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
be always with you. Amen.



POSTLUDE

Prelude in G minor
J.S Bach

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offerings gratefully received online through:

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

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Juliet Milsome, Organist

**Worship Leader
Lynn Freeman**

Special thanks also to our guest, Jennifer Ruddy

The Responsive Psalm and Prayers in Today's Worship were drawn from ***Your Kingdom Banquet Come***, a worship resource for World Food Day, prepared by *Canadian Foodgrains Bank*, a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and faith-based agencies, including the United Church of Canada, working together to end global hunger.

DID YOU KNOW... Sydenham Street United Church has donated nearly 700 pounds of produce from the small plot on the church lawn to Loving Spoonful in the last four years? This Sunday we also offer a special thank you to all of our gardeners who GARDEN FOR GOOD, a Loving Spoonful campaign.

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.