



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



Creation: Universe/Earth/Humanity

Bruce Hutchinson

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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

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

This is the last service in our Creation series that started with World-wide Communion on October 4. You are invited to think about where God is for you in Creation

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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Web: www.sydenhamstreet.ca

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Entrée Solennelle
Leon Boellmann

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

**As we gather in this space and elsewhere –
we bring our whole selves to this time of worship.
We bring our contributions to Creation and
we bring our challenges with Creation.
May we be spiritually nourished and
open to transformation, preparing us to
practice love in the world.**



HYMN MV 143

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

1 We cannot own the sunlit sky,
the moon, the wildflow'rs growing,
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

2 When bodies shiver in the night
and weary, wait for morning, when children have no bread
but tears, and war horns sound their warning,
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labour,
that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbour.

3 God calls humanity to join as partners
in creating a future free from want or fear,
life's goodness celebrating, that new world beckons from afar,
invites our shared endeavour,
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

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OPENING PRAYER

**Spirit, life, and soul of all creation,
in moments of change,
when everything we know starts to fade away
and yet before we know what is coming,
bless us with confidence
in your wisdom and guidance.
Remind us of the glory of the earth
as the leaves begin to change.
Help us to let go of what is no longer needed.
Free us from holding tightly to old ways and habits
when your Spirit calls us
to a new day and a new way in creation.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
who shows us the way. Amen.**



INTERLUDE

Rhosymedre
Ralph Vaughan Williams

WE ENGAGE 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**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22: 34-46

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
All: Thanks be to God

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WE COMMIT TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offerings are gratefully received.
They may be left on the plate near the front door as you exit the
sanctuary or received online through:

Canada Helps <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/sydenham-street-united-church/>

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Mother and our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,
your will be done**

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**



HYMN MV 171

Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

Refrain:

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.

Here on this earth, yours is the work,

to serve with joy of compassion.

1 No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope
of the people of God.

2 No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy
of the city of God.

3 No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
to walk this world with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace
for the children of God.

4 Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need:
as Christ is blessed, so now be his blessing,
with ev'ry gift a benediction,
be to the people of God.

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SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING



POSTLUDE

Plein Jeu

Jean Adam Giuliani

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

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The United Church of Canada - *Gathering, Resources for Worship
Planners*.

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Linda and Bruce Hutchinson, worship leaders

**The ushers and Covid supervisors
who guide us safely in this space.**

NOTICES

Two Church Lunch and Learn

On Tuesday November 10th, 2020: The Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet by ZOOM, gathering at 1:00 and speaker at 1:15. Our speaker will be Brett Christopher, Artistic Director at Thousand Island Playhouse and Artistic Producer at Theatre Kingston. The topic is the Future of Artists and The Arts. 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 and current uncertainty presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, this session is being held on Zoom and the event will not include lunch. Please let Meikle know if you plan to attend and he will send you the link to the Zoom session. There will be no charge for attending this Lunch & Learn session.

Our speaker for December 8 is Kim Garrison from Princess Street United Church who will talk about the transformation at their church in their relationship with Home Based Housing.