



# SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



November 8 2020

REFLECTIONS ON REMEMBRANCE  
Kenn Doerksen

**10:30 AM**

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-Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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**Web:** [www.sydenhamstreet.ca](http://www.sydenhamstreet.ca)

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

# **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**



## **PRELUDE**

Contemplation

John E. West

## **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**

**On this day of Remembrance, we gather to worship, to listen and to pray.**

**We are mindful of the profound meaning of this day, of the consequences of war and the sacrifice made by so many young people who stood up and fought for our safety and security.**

**We are aware that many of those who returned were changed and their families affected by war.**

**We come before you, God, seeking Your love and guidance toward a peaceful world.**

**We have challenges on many fronts which need our focus and perseverance. Help us to take the lessons learned by our ancestors and apply them to our current battles against Covid 19, poverty, greed, racism, injustice, climate change and terrorism.**

**Open our eyes and the eyes of all nations to identify the issues and tackle them together, to work toward creating peace and justice in this world.**

**Help us create a vision of how the world could live and thrive together in harmony.**



**HYMN VU 806**

**O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**1** O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

**2** Under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure,  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.

**5** Time like an ever-rolling stream  
soon bears us all away,  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

**6** O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts Music: William Croft  
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# **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**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Red Poppy, White Poppy** by Norm Esdon

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**Thanks be to God**



## **MUSICAL REFLECTION**

O Valiant Hearts  
Rev. Dr. C. Harris

## **MESSAGE**

**Reflections On Remembrance**  
Kenn Doerksen



## REMEMBERING

### Naming

### Act of Remembrance

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

**All: We will remember them**

### Last Post

### Minute of Silence

### The Rouse

## 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](mailto: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 VU 523

#### O God of All the Many Lands

**1** O God of all the many lands,  
we lift our hearts in prayer,  
for this our land of Canada,  
a country wide and fair;  
for mountain heights and northern lights,  
for prairie, lake and sea,  
for every blessing from your hand  
bestowed so lavishly.

**2** We thank you for the sacrifice  
of ventures of old,  
who dared to cross uncharted seas,  
whose dreams made others bold;  
for valiant souls and pioneers,  
for all who served their age,  
and left for us who follow on  
a sacred heritage.

**3** We thank you that from many lands  
with varied gifts they came,  
to pledge their love and loyalty  
where scarlet maples flame.  
May justice here belong to all,  
and may our nation play  
its rightful role in ushering in  
the peace for which we pray.

**4** May we be worthy of our land  
and seek its highest good,  
shaping a noble destiny  
of truest nationhood.  
May this fair land, our Canada,  
your own dominion be;  
your people bless abundantly  
from seas to Arctic sea.

Words: Mary Susannah Edgar Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams  
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## **O CANADA**

## **SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING**



### **POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in F  
John Bennett

### **Protocol For Leaving**

Please remain seated during the postlude, following which ushers will come to the front of the Sanctuary and direct rows to stand and leave via the front doors, maintaining social distancing. Front rows will leave first and back rows last.



## NOTICES

**November 10<sup>th</sup>: 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, Managing Artistic Director of the Thousand Islands Playhouse. The topic is the "Theatre in the time of COVID: plays may be cancelled but Creativity isn't." 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](mailto: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. Meikle will send you the link to the Zoom session shortly before November 10. There will be no charge for attending this "lunchless" 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.