



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



INTO THE FUTURE
21st ANNIVERSARY OF BEING AFFIRMING

NOVEMBER 15, 2020
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

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

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Hornpipe

arr. Robin Milford

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)

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

“As an Affirming congregation

We are committed to following Jesus’ example as we embrace people of all ages, racialized groups, genders, sexual orientations, gender identities, ethnic origins, political beliefs, economic circumstances and differing abilities and challenges in the ministry and life of Sydenham Street United Church.”

SSUC Vision/Mission Statement October 26, 2014

GATHERING PRAYER

We gather together today with joy as we celebrate 21 years as an Affirming Congregation in The United Church of Canada.

We thank the trailblazers in our congregation who first decided to start, and then guided us to the completion, of the journey to becoming Affirming.

We rejoice in the love and acceptance that exists at Sydenham Street United Church for the LGBTQ+2S community.

We are proud to fly the Rainbow Flag and to have rainbow steps at the front of our church building, for we truly welcome all people, no matter where they come from or who they love.

Let us pray, with God's guidance, that we continue to show leadership in embracing all members of our community in the years to come.

Amen.



HYMN MV 1

(verses 1,4,5)

Let us Build a House

1 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.

4 Let us build a house
where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen
serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

5 Let us build a house
where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words
within the Word.

Built of tears and cries of laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

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CENTERING READING

I wait, I watch, I listen
I hear what is not said
See the meaning deep
Between the lines
Words filled with emotion
Yet I have no voice
No way to escape
I wait, I watch, I listen
I focus on what matters
What is most important
Honouring the passion
The gifts, the artists
Their collective voice
Speaks volumes about
Life, love and community
Listen to the unspoken
Notice the importance of
I wait, I watch, I listen.

*~Rosemary Robinson
March 3, 2019*

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

Galatians 3: 23-29

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



REFLECTION
Into the Future



HYMN VU 600

When I Needed a Neighbour

- 1 When I needed a neighbour, were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?

- 2 I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,
were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?
- 3 I was cold, I was naked, were you there,
were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?
- 4 When I needed a healer, were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?
- 5 Wherever you travel I'll be there,
I'll be there,
wherever you travel I'll be there,
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.

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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 givingssuc@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

We Are a Rainbow

1 We're the light of all the world,
We are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more,
We will shine a ray of hope
That's burning bright.

Refrain:

We are a rainbow,
Sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow,
Splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.

2 We're a coat of many colours,
sewn from many different threads,
Cov'ring all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said "Let there be light",
created every varied shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place. **R**

3 We are hope to still believe
in tomorrow's better day,
We are peace in a world that's torn apart,
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face,
We are love that blooms and grows
In every heart. **R**

4 When we face the storms of life,
We will never be alone,
For our God will be with us on the way,
Hand in hand, side by side,
We won't be frightened any more,
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day. **R**

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SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

RIGHT NOW

What are you doing
Right now as you
Journey the path
Of new adventures
The familiar is now

What are you doing
Right now to be
Fully in the present.
Embrace it with
All your heart

Before you are a multitude
Of open doors holding
Rich possibilities
You are now walking
Through these doors

What you are doing
Is preparing daily
Live it with all the
Wisdom you have gained
Experience is your guide.

What do you need
To sustain you
To nurture you
To keep you well
On the journey

Rosemary Robinson February 10,2018



POSTLUDE

Gavotte

Matthew Camidge

Protocol For Leaving

Please remain seated during the postlude following which ushers will direct you to the front doors, starting with the back rows leaving first.

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Organist:

Juliet Milsome

Choristers:

Barb Carr
Donna Delyea
Bruce Hutchinson
Anita Krebs
Beth Leake

Worship Leaders:

Marylil Megginson
Ruth Ranson
Vicki Ruthven
Barb Landon
Linda Hutchinson
Rosemary Thoms
Bruce Hutchinson

Contributions:

LGBTQ community friends

NOTICES

The 2020 Christmas Basket Campaign

Like most things during Covid-19 the 2020 Christmas Basket Campaign will look a lot different this year. Due to the number of people required to collect, pack and deliver food items, it is not possible to do these tasks safely. For that reason and the uncertainty of further restrictions due to Covid-19, the members of the voucher team have decided that, instead of collecting and purchasing food, we will be supporting needy families in our community with food cards for local grocery stores. This is consistent with other organizations like the Salvation Army who this year has decided to go with gift cards for their Christmas Hamper and Toy Drive.

You can support this important Sydenham Street outreach program by donating money to purchase food gift cards. This can be done

- By sending donations to the church through Canada Post
- By using Christmas Basket envelopes found in the pews
- By e-transfer to givingssuc@kos.net
- By donating through Canada Helps

However you contribute to this year's campaign, please indicate "for Christmas Basket Campaign" on your donation.

Wednesday, November 18 2020 - 10am to 12 pm: Prayer Shawl meeting in the Sydenham St. Upper kitchen . Join us for some knitting, crocheting and conversation. Unfortunately, we can't supply you with tea but please bring your own beverage along with your lunch and any prayer shawls you have managed to complete during the summer and of course your knitting/crocheting. We still have some donated wool waiting for someone to knit or crochet. **Everyone is welcome**