



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



WHOSE REIGN IS IT?

Bob Hale

NOVEMBER 22, 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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Rentals/Room Bookings @ The Spire: [613-542-9616 x 201](tel:613-542-9616)

Web: www.sydenhamstreet.ca

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

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together

GATHER TO WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Andante

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)

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 100)

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's children;

We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise;

Give thanks to God and praise God's name.

For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever;

God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

OPENING PRAYER



HYMN VU 378

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

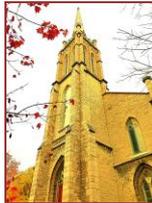
1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies,
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength and mind?
I see your cross: there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you and O let me find!

4 Teach me to love you as your angels love
one holy passion filling all my frame,
the baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
my heart an altar and your love the frame.

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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**



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

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



MUSICAL REFLECTION

Minuet
G.F Handel

MESSAGE



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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.**



HYMN VU 213

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

- 1 Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**
- 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above. **R**
- 3 God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given. **R**
- 4 Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home.

**We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(from Voices United with additions)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING



POSTLUDE

Voluntary
Walter Alcock

Protocol for Leaving

1. Only leave when instructed to do so by the ushers. Please remain at your seat during the Postlude. After the music finishes, there will be time allotted to put on your coat so that you can move directly to the exit. You will leave through the front doors. People in the *rear* rows will exit *first*. If you have mobility challenges, you'll be helped to leave via William Street.

2. Please *do not stop* until you have left the building – not in the aisle, not in the doorway, not on the steps or ramp. Maintain the safe distance from others, and help them to exit by leaving as efficiently and swiftly as you are able. Once you're outside conversations are welcome – at a distance.

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Organist: Juliet Milsome

Choristers: Martha Clarke
Donna Delyea
Bruce Hutchinson
Sylvia Mann

Worship Leaders: Bob Hale
Marylil Megginson

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 [givingsuc@kos.net](mailto: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.