



SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS
UNITED CHURCHES
A Joint Worship Service



INSIGHTS FOR EPIPHANY 3
January 24, 2021

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

At this time we do not have a minister for the congregation.

If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact Reverend Nan Hudson at 613-539-3751



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

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY



PRELUDE

Excerpt from Give Thanks Canon

Adapted by Donald Moore, based on canon by Lowell Mason

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT



CENTRING MUSIC

Draw Nigh to God

Additional piano arrangement by Michael T. Fenn

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Breathing Life,
Your Name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your Presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us,
As we release the strands we hold of others' faults.
Help us not forget our Source,
Yet free us to be fully in the Present.
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song
From gathering to gathering. Amen

-Mark Berry, Telford Shropshire, United Kingdom Emerging Church Movement,
Aramaic re-translation.



INTROIT VU 679

Let There Be Light

- 1** Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face;

- 2** open our lips
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace.

Words: Frances Wheeler Davis Music: Robert J.B Fleming
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GATHERING PRAYER

Gracious and generous God, you are indeed holy mystery, wholly love. In this season of epiphany, may we take our guidance from the wise ones in the ancient story, who opened themselves to new insights, new insights and understandings as they gazed on the babe, this Jesus, who shows us the way of wholly love. Amen

HYMN VU 697



O For a World

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

- 2** O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.
- 3** We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.
- 4** The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

Words: Miriam Therese Winter Music: Lowell Mason
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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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

SECOND READING

Bones

by Lynn Ungar



REFLECTION

Why is it so Hard to Talk about Racism?

Juliet Huntley, Jim Leake



SPECIAL MUSIC

Duet for Flute and Clarinet Opus 46, No. 1, Movement 2

Kaspar Kummer (1795-1870)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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**.



VU 541

OFFERTORY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known;
Creator, Word and Spirit, One

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF JESUS

Our Father, Our Mother, Our Holy One, May our kin-dom come
And your will be done here on earth.
May we find this day the bread we need
And may we feel forgiveness for our missteps
And forgive, freely others for theirs.
May we walk away from temptation and focus on good.
For yours is the kin-dom, the power
And the glory, now and forever. Amen

HYMN VU 678



For the Healing of the Nations

- 1** For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

- 2** Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release;
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

- 3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.
- 4 You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that, by our response and service,
earth its destiny may find.

Words: Fred Kahn Music :Henry Purcell
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COMMISSIONING



SUNG BENEDICTION

Our God bless you and keep you,
Our God make their face to shine upon you,
to shine upon you and be gracious,
and be gracious unto you
and give you peace,
and give you peace. Amen

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POSTLUDE

This is My Father's World
Ruth Mackie

**THANK YOU FOR
TALENTS SHARED**

Music Director & Organist

Michael T. Fenn

Guest Musicians

Ms. Sarah Corbett (flute)

Mr. Alexander Wolfe (clarinet)

from the Queen's University Bachelor of Music Program

Worship Leaders

Jack Soule

Bill Egnatoff

Juliet Huntly

Jim Leake

Lynn Freeman

**With assistance of other members of the Joint Truth
and Reconciliation Group, Sydenham Street and Chalmers
United Churches**

The Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group (JTRAG), established by Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches in 2015, meets normally on the first Monday of the month. We seek to educate ourselves and others, share information, and support events relating to the legacy of our colonial past and advancing reconciliation among First Peoples and others who share this land known as Canada.

If you share an interest in, and commitment to, advancing reconciliation with First Peoples, you are invited to participate in regularly hosted events, like the monthly reading group we are offering this year. For more information about our activities or joining JTRAG, please contact Juliet Huntly jhuntly6@gmail.com or Lynn Freeman lafreeman16@gmail.com (JTRAG co-chairs).

BONES

You tell me *I don't have
a racist bone in my body*
and I believe you.

The pillars of your tibia,
the delicate wing of your clavicle,
the intricate jewelry of your feet,
all are innocent in their creamy whiteness.

Your brain is a different story.

Your brain, like mine, is tribal
from its prehistoric roots.

Your brain, like mine, was grown
in a laboratory of lies. Your brain,
like mine, tells stories that are thrilling
but unreliable. Your brain, like mine,
is doing the best it can
to make its way in a broken world.
It is your muscle that scares me.

By Lynn Ungar