



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



**“I WILL WALK WITH YOU”
Being an Ally**

**Linda Hutchinson and Rosemary Thoms
January 31, 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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<https://www.thespirekingston.org/>

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY



PRELUDE

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
setting by
Charles Huddleston Heaton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CANDLE LIGHTING

CENTERING MUSIC

Gentle Shepherd
additional piano arrangement by
Michael T. Fenn

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Like the wise ones, we are on a journey -
a journey seeking insights into important societal concerns.**

Hearing these concerns we wonder

What can we do? What can I do?

**We come, open to the nudging of the Spirit
showing us the way.**



INTROIT VU 87

I Am the Light of the World

**“I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!”
If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

Words & Music: Jim Strathdee 1967
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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 649



Walk with Me

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

- 1** When Moses heard the call of God he said, “Lord don’t send me.” But God told Moses, “You’re the one to set my people free.”

2 Now Peter was a most unlikely
man to lead the flock;
but Jesus knew his holiness
and he became the Rock. **Refrain**

3 Young Mary Magdalene was sure
her life could be much more,
and by her faith she dared to let
God's love unlock the door.

4 And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you. **Refrain**

Words & Music John S. Rice; arr John Fluker
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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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Mark 1:21-28

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

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REFLECTION

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SPECIAL MUSIC
I Walked Today, Where Jesus Walked
solo by Michael T. Fenn

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offerings are gratefully received through:

Canada Helps:

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

e-transfers:

givingssuc@kos.net

or **Canada Post**

VU 541

DOXOLOGY

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

A Prayer in the form of The Lord's Prayer by G. Epp, Edmonton AB

God, who gives birth to the world, who gives us breath,
fill us with your light, and help us to usher in
your reign of love, justice and peace here on earth.
Tune us to the harmony of the heavens.
Teach us to sing your name.
Grant us wisdom, hope and compassion
for all living things, and feed us what we need each day.
Free us from what binds us,
as we release others from guilt and shame.
Help us to focus on what is good, and to do what is right.
Teach us how to love.
Renew our hearts, our minds, our strength,
and make us whole, and wholly yours. Amen

HYMN MV 172



God Says

- 1** God says, "Be still so you may hear
the words I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen, you will know
I'm with you always where you go."
- 2** God says, "Look up and see the prize
I've placed here right before your eyes.
Find beauty in the things of earth,
a cause for wonder and rebirth."
- 3** God says, "Come here! I need your voice.
Please teach my people to rejoice.
In who you are, in what you do,
your life will show my love for you."

4 God says, “Reach out! The world’s in need
and wants a word, a song, a deed.
I send you forth to speak, to sing,
to act for Christ in everything.”

Words & Music Mary Bittner 1993
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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

Sonatina in F Major, op 257, no. 2
Théodore Lack (1846-1921)



**THANK YOU FOR
TALENTS SHARED**

Music Director & Organist

Michael T. Fenn

Worship Leaders

**Linda Hutchinson
Rosemary Thoms**

Further Reading & viewing if you are interested:

***Guide to Allyship - An open source starter guide to help
you become a more thoughtful and effective ally.***

<https://guidetoallyship.com/>

***Becoming a Trans Ally/Accomplice* - good advice on being
an ally for any person/people who is/are marginalized.**

A United Church resource.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlrS0L5HEnQ&feature=youtu.be>

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NOTICES

Our Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet by ZOOM on Tuesday February 9th 2021

We are very pleased to have as our speaker Stephanie Simpson, Associate Vice Principal Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion at Queen's University. The title of Stephanie's talk is "**Racism and remembrance: Stories of a small-town anti-racism advisor.**"

You are invited to sign in earlier than previously to facilitate those who would like to have more time for conversation before the meeting.

Signing in will now commence at 12.45 pm. At 1.10 pm we will have congregational announcements and then introduce our speaker.

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.

preferably before Sunday evening Feb. 7th.

Meikle will send you the link to the Zoom session on Monday Feb 8th.

There will be no charge for attending this Lunch & Learn session.

Stephanie's biography:

Stephanie Simpson has been a member of the Human Rights Office at Queen's University since 1996, starting in the portfolios of anti-racism advisor and education coordinator and increasing in responsibility since. She was most recently appointed in November 2018 as the Associate Vice Principal (Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion). Check out this video URL from the Human Rights and Equity Office at Queen's: <https://stream.queensu.ca/hapi/v1/contents/permalinks/Mb74Bxj8/view>

Our next Lunch and Learn meeting will be on March 9, 2021 with Tina Bailey, Executive Director of the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area, as our speaker.