



# SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



## Start Where We're At

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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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**Web:** [www.sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/](http://www.sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/)

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



<https://www.thespirekingston.org/>

**Bold Text** indicates the parts that everyone reads together

## **GATHERING IN COMMUNITY**



### **PRELUDE**

We Are God's People  
~Johannes Brahms

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

### **CANDLE LIGHTING**

### **CENTERING MUSIC**

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus  
~William J. Kirkpatrick  
additional piano arrangement by Michael T. Fenn

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**We come to worship God, seeking wisdom in becoming the  
Image of God. Open our hearts to receive the Spirit.  
Amen**



## **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**

**Creator God, God of Love, God of All,**

**We come, humbly, to worship and seek peace. We are worn down by the isolation from Covid-19, overwhelmed by the new awareness of the brokenness of our society and the abject failure of our efforts to have a community safe for everyone. Sometimes it seems that chaos reigns.**

**We seek knowledge and clarity in our search for solutions to the complex issues we face in our society today. We need strength in order to persevere in our efforts to create a more just world where all people are supported and encouraged to reach their potential. We need wisdom to know what we can do and what we should do and what should leave for others. Most importantly, we must learn how to engage with others who are different, to work together as allies, listening and supporting wherever we are able.**

**Be with us in our struggles. We ask this in the name of your son Jesus, Christ, Amen**



**Come Touch Our Hearts**  
(Come Touch and Bless)

- 1** Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,  
from failing embers build a blazing fire;  
love strong enough to overturn injustice,  
to seek a world more gracious,  
come touch and bless our hearts.
  
- 2** Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,  
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;  
create a space for spirit to grow in us,  
let life and beauty fill us,  
come touch and bless our souls.
  
- 3** Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,  
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;  
help us to open doors of understanding,  
to welcome truth and wisdom,  
come touch and bless our minds.
  
- 4** Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,  
and in our weakness your great strength reveal  
that we may rise to follow and to serve,  
steady now our nerve,  
come touch and bless our wills.
  
- 5** Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,  
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;  
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,  
our mind, our strength, our all,  
come touch us with your grace.

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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**

Genesis 1:26-27

Luke 6:31

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



## **REFLECTION**

Valery Woloshyn  
"Start Where We're At"



## **ANTHEM**

# **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](mailto: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 VU 606



### In Christ There is No East or West

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great family of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

- 3** Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be;  
all children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.
- 4** In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christ-like souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

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## COMMISSIONING



## SUNG BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His Face toward you  
And give you peace

~ F.R.C. Clarke



## POSTLUDE

May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour  
~A. Cyril Barham-Gould

## THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

**Music Director & Organist**

**Michael T. Fenn**

**Worship Leaders**

**Eileen Woloshyn  
Valery Woloshyn**

**With Recordings by the SSUC Choir**

## NOTICES

A group has begun plans for a spoken-word tribute to SSUC's Poet Laureate, the late **Norm Esdon**, featuring a selection of his poems. We're discussing various formats, and various media, while we assemble a draft script, and we're recruiting participants. If you're willing to be a reader, or can recommend a particular poem by Norm which should be part of the tribute, please contact Ian Malcolm at [IanRWMalcolm@gmail.com](mailto:IanRWMalcolm@gmail.com).

### **Lunch and Learn**

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.