



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



First Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Joseph Ramsay

February 21, 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.

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

OPENING PRAYER

God our Creator, we give you thanks and praise for the breath you have given us, the love that surrounds us, and the earth that sustains us. We believe that your spirit is in us and through us, driving us into our own wilderness places to test us and try us, to challenge us and make us strong, and to discover our own purpose and place in creation. During this time of worship and reflection, assure us of your love and help us discern your way. Amen.

HYMN VU 115



Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

- 1 Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
“Use your power,” the tempter tells him;
“turn these barren rocks to bread!”
“Not alone by bread,” he answers,
“can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!”**

2 Jesus, tempted at the temple,
high above it's ancient wall:
"Throw yourself from lofty turret;
angels want to break your fall!"
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request:
"God, whose grace protects, preserves us,
we must never vainly test."

3 Jesus, tempted on the mountain
by the lure of vast domain:
"Fall before me! Be my servant!"
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!"
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
turns his eyes another way:
"God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!"

4 When we face temptation's power,
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,
come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us
lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey.

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-15



ANTHEM

We Walk by Faith



HOMILY

“Wilderness Temptations”



SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus I Give You My Heart and My Soul
~Joe Ramsay ©2005

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN VU 108



Throughout These Lenten Days and Night

- 1** Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.
- 2** The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,
who found in weakness greater power,
embraces us, though lost and flawed,
and leads us to his Rising Hour.
- 3** We bear the silence, cross and pain
of human burdens, human strife,
while sisters, brothers help sustain
our courage till the Feast of Life.
- 4** And though the road is hard and steep,
the Spirit ever calls us on through
Calvary's dying, dark and deep,
until we see the coming Dawn.

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COMMISSIONING

**THANK YOU FOR
TALENTS SHARED**

Guest Minister

The Rev. Joseph Ramsay

Music Director and Organist

Michael T. Fenn

**Rosalind Malcolm , Scripture Reader
Peter Goheen, Minute for Mission**

Donna Delyea, Beth Leake and Bruce Hutchinson:

For collaborating this week on a new online music software, to create our special music from our homes. It took lots of commitment and learning this week and it was much appreciated!

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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.

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

We are very pleased to have as our speaker Tina Bailey. The title of Tina's presentation is "**Beyond ACEs: A Strategy to Build Resilience**". How our community is working together to mitigate the impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and build resiliency in our children, families and community.

Signing into ZOOM will 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 by Sunday evening Mar. 7th.

Our next Lunch and Learn meeting will be on April 12, 2021 on the topic "Walking The Path Of Peace".