



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



Second Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Joseph Ramsay

February 28, 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

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

OPENING PRAYER

O God of all creation, we offer you praise for all life that radiates from you. We thank you for our human lives, and the blessings bestowed on each one of us; talents, knowledge, skills, resources and all that gives us agency to influence the world around us. In this time of worship, help us to appreciate our responsibility to use our gifts with generosity. Give us the wisdom and courage to commit our power to the well-being of all your creation. May we find our own resurrection through the way of Jesus, who chose the cross over violence, love over hatred, and life over death. Amen.

HYMN VU 102



Jesus on the Mountain Peak

- 1 Jesus on the mountain peak
stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising, Hallelujah!

2 Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking
let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising, Hallelujah!

3 Swift the cloud of glory came,
God proclaiming, in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Hallelujah!

4 This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets sing before him,
first and last and only One.
All creation shall adore him! Hallelujah!

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD



SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-9



HOMILY

From Mountain to Valley



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Be Thou My Vision

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN VU 104



We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

- 1 We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

2 Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

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COMMISSIONING



**THANK YOU FOR
TALENTS SHARED**

Guest Minister

The Rev. Joseph Ramsay

Music Director and Organist

Michael T. Fenn

Peter Goheen, Scripture Reader/ Minute for Mission

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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".