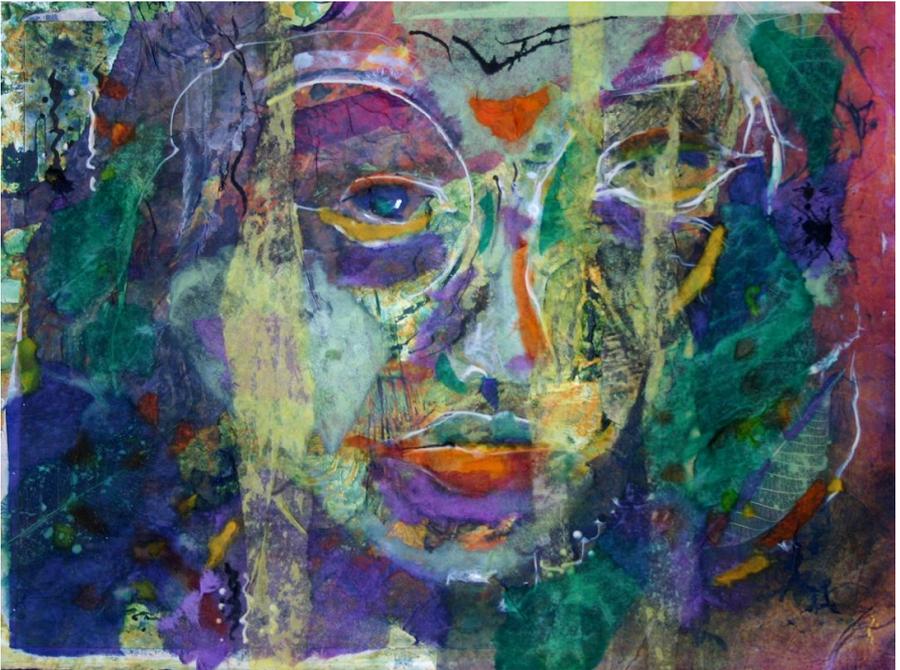




SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



Third Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Joseph Ramsay

March 7, 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 or at nan@kos.net



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

**Barrier-breaking God,
We come together as one people to offer our worship.
You embrace all cultures and lands,
But you keep a special place in your heart
For the stranger, the widow and the orphan.
Grant us the gift of your Spirit
That we may become as You are,
Welcoming all as brothers and sisters,
Your cherished children,
Citizens together in Christ's kingdom of justice and peace.
To you we lift our thanks and our praise this day,
Amen**



O God, How We Have Wandered

1 O God, how we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.

But how, in exile dwelling,
we turn with fear and shame,
as distant but compelling,
you call us each by name.

2 And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
by faith we are returning
with hope and trust in you.

In haste you come to meet us,
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.

3 O God of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
our peace and hope assured.

Grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD



SCRIPTURE

John 2:13-22



HOMILY

Saintly Strangers



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Sweet Communion
Joe Ramsay



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



HYMN MV 1

Let us Build a House

1 Let us build a house
where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where
saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house
where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children
dare to seek to dream
God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.

3 Let us build a house
where love is found
In water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.

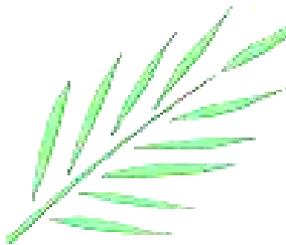
4 Let us build a house
where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen,
serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

5 Let us build a house
where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words
within the Word.

Built of tears and cries of laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

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COMMISSIONING



**THANK YOU FOR
TALENTS SHARED**

Guest Minister

The Rev. Joseph Ramsay

Music Director and Organist

Michael T. Fenn

Donna Delyea, Beth Leake, Choristers

**Peter Goheen, Minute for Mission
Meikle Turner, Scripture Reader**

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NOTICES

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".