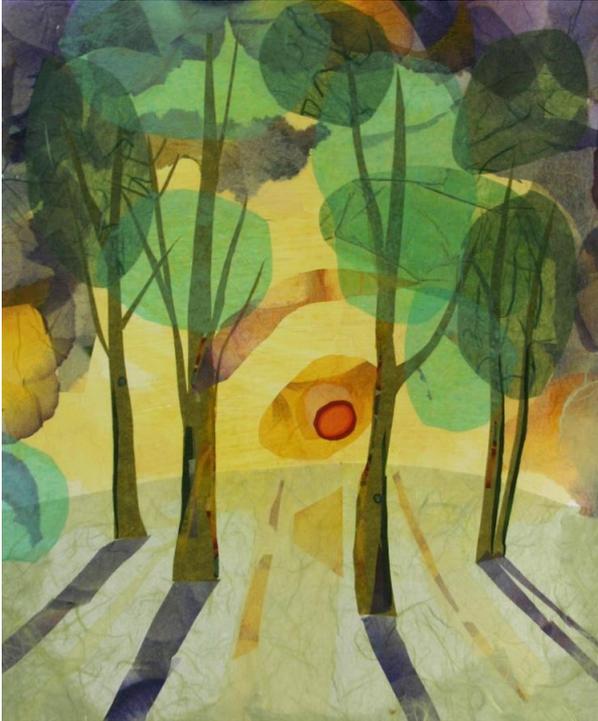




# SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Joseph Ramsay

March 14, 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](mailto: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.

### OFFICE HOURS

**The Spire/SSUC Office:** Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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



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

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## **GATHERING IN COMMUNITY**

### **WELCOME**

### **INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**“And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light.”**

**The light still shines in our world today, when the Christ shows up in unexpected places.**

**The light shines in the words of children, the protests of the downtrodden, and advocates of fairness and peace.**

**The light of Christ shines on hidden cruelty, and greed disguised as success.**

**The light reveals our deeds, our intentions, and our values.**

**Through our worship, let us boldly walk into the light, so that our deeds may be clearly seen, and we may seek peace, forgiveness, joy and redemption.**



**In Suffering Love**

**1** In suffering love the thread of life  
is woven through our care,  
for God is with us, not alone  
our pain and toil we bear.

**2** There is a rock, a place secure  
within the storm's cold blast;  
concealed within the suffering night  
God's covenant stands fast.

**3** In love's deep womb our fears are held;  
there God's rich tears are sown  
and bring to birth, in hope newborn,  
the strength to journey on.

**4** Now to our hearts your joy commit,  
into our hands your pain;  
so send us out to touch the world  
with blessings in your name.

**5** In suffering love our God comes now,  
hope's vision born in gloom;  
with tears and laughter shared and blessed  
the desert yet will bloom.

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## **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**



### **SCRIPTURE**

John 3:14-21



### **HOMILY**

**What the Light Reveals**



### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Keep Me Near the Cross



**RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

***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**

**For further information:**

<https://sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/donate/>

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**



**HYMN VU 679**

**Let There Be Light**

**1** Let there be light,  
let there be understanding,  
let all the nations gather,  
let them be face to face;

**2** open our lips,  
open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord  
opening into grace;

**3** perish the sword,  
perish the angry judgement,  
perish the bombs and hunger,  
perish the fight for gain;

**4** hallow our love,  
hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom,  
hallowéd be your name;

**5** your kingdom come,  
your spirit turn to language,  
your people speak together,  
your spirit never fade;

**6** let there be light;  
open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror,  
hallow the world God made.

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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, Minute for Mission  
Susan Davis, Scripture Reader**



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## **NOTICES**

### **Continuing the Conversation:**

Following each worship service, on Sunday afternoon, from 1:00 until 2:00 pm, we will offer a time on ZOOM for further reflection by anyone interested – a chance for new ideas and different points of view on the topic of the worship service. Continuing the Conversation events will be hosted by Lynn Freeman and Bruce Hutchinson.

The subject this week is: *What the Light Reveals*

The ZOOM connection is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88447758736?pwd=aXZiQ0ZpNHg5aUV0VHZhU1paQldoUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 4775 8736

Passcode: 896550

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### **Lunch and Learn**

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